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Sodomy charges leveled at McClellan Air Force pilot

by Griff Field
OF MGW STAFF

Lt. Col. David K. Eckert, 43, a career air force pilot stationed at McClellan Air Force Base, has been charged with sodomy and continuing to have homosexual relations after learning he carried the AIDS virus, a McClellan spokesman announced October 13.

Eckert, who is assigned to the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, is also charged with committing an indecent act and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Eckert's is one in a series of cases in which HIV-infected military personnel have been subjected to criminal proceedings, despite the Defense department's official policy of handling such cases as medical matters.

In fact, Eckert was being processed for medical retirement when the criminal charges were brought.

The Air Force has not yet determined if Eckert is to be prosecuted on the various charges, according to Lt. Col. Duane Roberts, an Air Force spokesman. All the alleged offenses are violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which governs judicial actions in the military.

An Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding, is being held to determine if Eckert will face a court martial, Roberts said.

The sequence of events, provided to **MGW** that took Eckert to his current plight after 19 years of exemplary service in the Air Force began in April when an anonymous phone

See pilot on pg. 13

Phil Isenberg for Assembly

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

MGW requested interviews with both Democrat Phil Isenberg, the incumbent seeking re-election in a local assembly district, and Larry Bowler, the Republican challenging Isenberg for the assembly seat. Despite three phone conversations with Bowler's staff, MGW was unable to get an interview with the Republican candidate.

The Republicans and Democrats of this state are engaged in a monumental struggle for control for the state legislature and one of the hottest races in that struggle is taking place right here in Sacramento.

Certain parts of Sacramento, that is. The race is between Democratic Assemblyman Phil Isenberg and his Republican challenger, Larry Bowler, a Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy.

The parts of Sacramento in Phil Isenberg's assembly district are the Natomas area, the old North Sacramento area including Del Paso and Woodlake, that part of downtown west of 21st Street, Curtis Park, Land Park, South Land Park, Greenhaven and the Pocket area.

In addition, the district wanders strangely south and west to include such distant locations as Lodi, Antioch and parts of the Delta area.

If you live in downtown Sacramento, you're in this assembly district if you live between 21st Street and the Sacramento River. If you live east of 21st Street, going toward Alhambra Boulevard, you're in Lloyd Connelly's assembly district.

Assemblyman Isenberg was generous with the time he granted MGW for an interview. He was knowledgeable on every possible subject of discussion whether it was abortion, AIDS, delivery of water to San Joaquin Valley growers, campaign reform or financing education.

Before being elected to the State Assembly six years ago, Isenberg was mayor of Sacramento for seven years, a member of the Sacramento City Council for several years and a practicing attorney in this city.

Assemblyman Isenberg regards himself as a friend of the gay and lesbian community. "I was always one of the dependable supporters of AB 1 every time Art Agnos introduced it in the assembly," said Isenberg.

"In addition, my position on the Assembly Health Committee has given me many opportunities to support the gay community on health-related AIDS issues."

While discussing AIDS issues,

See Isenberg on pg. 4

Assemblyman Phil Isenberg

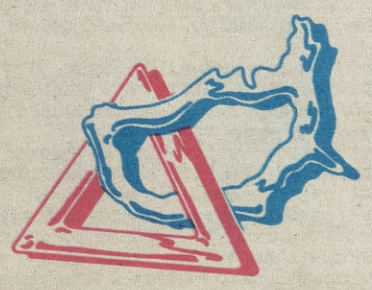
ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

	RCDC	CAP PAC	MGW
United States President	Mike Dukakis	—	Mike Dukakis
United States Senator	Leo McCarthy	—	Leo McCarthy
Congressional Races:			
District #3	Robert Matsui	Robert Matsui	Robert Matsui
District #4	Vic Fazio	Vic Fazio	Vic Fazio
District #14	Patricia Malberg	Dump Shumway	Patricia Malberg
State Senate:			
District #1	—	Dump Doolittle	Dump Doolittle
State Assembly:			
District #4	—	Hannigan	Hannigan
District #5	John Byouk	No Endorsement	John Byouk
District #6	Lloyd Connelly	Lloyd Connelly	Lloyd Connelly
District #10	Phil Isenberg	Phil Isenberg	Phil Isenberg
State Initiatives:			
Proposition 96	NO	NO	NO
Proposition 102	NO	NO	NO
SMUD Board:			
Ward #1	Joe Buonaiuto	Joe Buonaiuto	Joe Buonaiuto
Ward #2	—	John Kehoe	—
Ward #5	Peter Keat	Peter Keat	Peter Keat
Local Measures:			
Measure A A revised Sacramento Transportation Improvement program which will improve highways, streets and and roads, and increase bus and light rail services for senior citizens.	YES	—	YES
Measure B A petition to the legislature no longer allowing local services to be cut due to state-mandated programs. Would request the state to honor its constitutional responsibilities by funding mandated programs.	YES	—	YES
Measure C A property tax increase within unincorporated areas to increase Sheriff's Department and Investigative Services Personnel.	NO	—	YES
Measure D Would divide the Sacramento Unified School District into 7 trustee areas and customize the educational needs of each trustee area, therefore creating a responsive program reducing the current high drop-out rates and low university transfer rates.	YES	—	NO
Measure G Is an advisory measure to the possibility of retaining the Utility Users Tax at the 7.5% rate, in order to provide funds to expand city services such as increasing the number of police officers, firefighters and public safety equipment.	—	—	YES

Vote November 8

November 8 is election day. This election has several issues of long term importance to the gay community. A new president will be elected and two AIDS measures are on the ballot, Propositions 96 and 102. This is our opportunity to make a difference.

Presidential candidate Richard Nixon was elected by a margin of 43.4% of the vote compared with

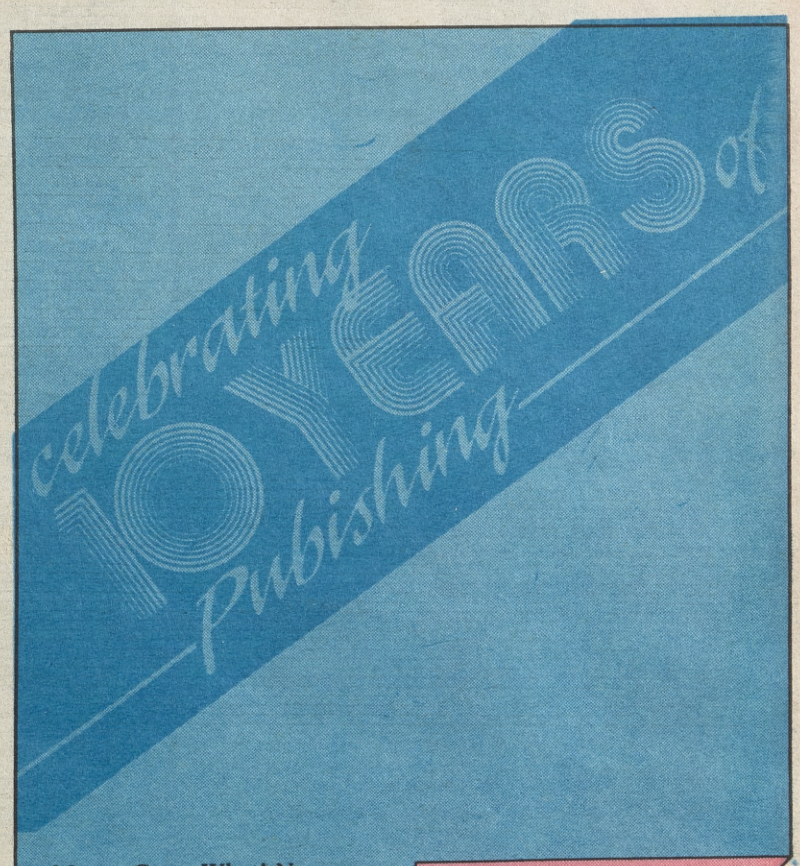


42.7% for Hubert Humphrey? In 1960, John Kennedy was elected President by a margin of 49.7% over Nixon's 49.6%...

In November 1985 in Sacramento County, positions on governing boards in seven different districts were won by 10 votes or less!

Absentee Ballots can be requested only up until November 1 at 5pm.

It is crucial that our voices be heard. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, November 8. Vote!□



Mom...Guess What! Newspaper, is celebrating its 10th anniversary by presenting "Triumphs '88" an awards dinner honoring people in the Sacramento gay and lesbian community for outstanding achievements in political, art, human rights, health, sports and other areas of community service. Assemblyman Phil Isenberg will be the awards presenter.

MGW is requesting nominations

See Triumphs on pg. 3

Guidelines for letters to be published:
Letters to the Editor must be signed with your real name, address and phone (so we can call you with any questions.) Your name, address and phone number may be withheld upon written request. Letters will not be published unless the above guidelines are followed.

Foundation thanks pledgers

Dear Editor:

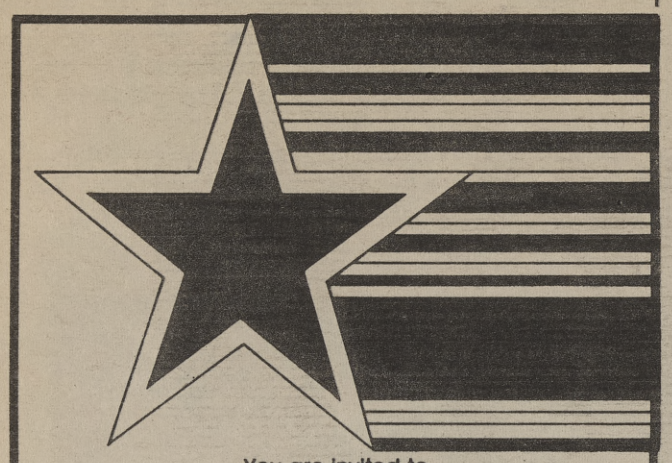
I would like to congratulate and thank the Sacramento gay and lesbian community for their support of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Fifth Annual Bowl-A-Thon. If all pledges are received as promised this event will have raised over $30,000. It is the most successful fundraiser in SAF's history.

You may just be receiving your pledge letter as this event was organized and executed completely through the efforts of volunteers. If you would like to designate your pledge to a particular program, please let us know. Any time you donate you may designate to: the General Fund, the Hand-To-Hand Program, the Gay/Bisexual Outreach Program, or General Education and Prevention Programming.

Now, more than ever, your donations of time and money are vital. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation's current client caseload has reached nearly 300 persons. The volunteer force numbers 250 people and it is not enough. We desperately need new Hand-To-Hand volunteers.

Once again, on behalf of the clients, the volunteers, the Board of Directors, and the staff of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation — thank you.

Sincerely,
Kate Guzman, L.C.S.W.
Executive Director



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Urges Dukakis/McCarthy Vote

Dear Editor:

This November 8 we will face one of the most crucial elections we as gay and lesbian people will face in this century. The fate of the progress which we have made in our fight for our rights and dignity hangs in the balance.

First of all, we **must** retire Pete Wilson as U.S. Senator and elect Leo McCarthy in his place. Contrary to what he says, Pete Wilson is not our friend. As a puppet of the Helms-Armstrong-Humphrey-Thurmond Gang, his actions speak much louder than his words. He always votes with them when gay issues come to the floor of the Senate. Here in Sacramento, he is doing TV ads for our number one enemy in the California Senate, John Doolittle. No friend of ours would endorse John Doolittle.

When I have called Wilson's office, I have found his staff most defensive/hostile when questioned about gay issues.

Don't be a masochist. Vote for Leo McCarthy who will be there for us as he has been during all his years in the California Legislature. A vote for Pete Wilson is an anti-gay vote and a vote for the anti-gay agenda of the right wing.

Secondly, we **must** elect Michael Dukakis as president. Now Michael Dukakis does not make my heart go pitter-patter. George Bush stops it cold!

The most important issue of this election is the U.S. Supreme Court. If we expect to continue the fight for our rights in the Federal Courts there must be judges who are receptive to our arguments on the bench. Michael Dukakis will appoint such judges. George Bush, who thought that the nomination of Robert Bork was a great nomination, won't.

Finally, we must consider what each will do about AIDS. Michael Dukakis will wage a war against AIDS. I don't believe he will drag his feet in the manner of Reagan-Bush.

The October 10 issue of the *New York Native* carries a story about how George Bush asked Representative William Dannemeyer author of Proposition 102 to represent him before the American Group Practice Association in September because Dannemeyer was "a logical choice...well qualified" to speak about AIDS. If George Bush as president turns to William Dannemeyer for advice on AIDS, then the batle against AIDS is going to be set back many years and hundreds of thousands more of our brothers and friends are going to die needlessly.

Many of our brothers like Terry Dolan who have passed away from AIDS are victims of their own hands because they helped elect Ronald Reagan and George Bush and Pete Wilson. They elected an administration without compassion for the sick and poor and as a result when they got sick, Reagan/Bush let them die.

My appeal to our community is **don't be suicidal! Don't be homicidal**, because a vote for Bush/Quale/Wilson is just that.

A vote for Dukakis/Bentsen/McCarthy will assure progress and life for our community!

Reverend Jerry Sloan

A mother's appeal...

Dear Editor:

As concerned mothers, we are asking for your help. As you know we are in the middle of an intense campaign to defeat the Block and Dannemeyer Initiatives (Propositions 96 and 102). Because of these frightening, ill-conceived measures, our children's rights and their very lives are under direct attack!

Recent alarming studies show that a large number of voters have little knowledge and understanding of both Propositions 96 and 102. Millions of Californians must be educated about the numerous dangers of both measures. Our estimate of educational expenses alone is $30,000.

As a "grass-roots" organization, "No on 96 and 102" has asked for your help. We have no one else to turn to!

We appreciate the fact that you are constantly being asked to give, and that you have given in the past. We also want to assure you that ALL donated monies from this appeal will go completely into campaign materials.

Our children do not deserve to be denied their basic human rights! We ask you, please, to share our deep concern and to be as generous as you possibly can in helping us to defeat these nightmarish initiatives.

Thank you for your listening, caring and sharing. Most of all, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Alele Starr
Co-Founder
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Barbara Cleaver
Co-Founder
Mothers of AIDS Patients
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P.O. Box 794
Los Angeles, CA 90078
(213) 386-0136

Reprehend unsafe sex

Dear Editor:

The November ballot has reruns of propositions addressing the AIDS issue. These propositions will recur until the gay community governs itself with regard to AIDS.

AIDS is spreading at a terrifying rate. HIV infection of gay men in Sacramento has gone from 20% to 35% in two years. Some communities have a 70% infection rate.

Gay men have known about safe sex since 1983. However, many still "choose" to be unsafe. We must understand:

1. Every Unsafe act is a potential suicide. Before you are unsafe, affirm to yourself that you will die, with great pain, soon.
2. Infecting someone with AIDS, knowingly or "ignorantly is malicious, premeditated murder. It matters not that they were too stupid or naive to say "no".
3. Tell those who practice unsafe sex that their act is as ghastly as if they stabbed someone in the chest. Killing someone for sex can never be misconstrued as "making love".
4. Get tested for HIV. The Orwellian belief that "ignorance is strength" is intolerable. The test is incredibly reliable. Those who know their antibody status are more responsible in behavior, healthier, and better able to get assistance.
5. Get involved. Go to a Stop AIDS meeting. Help the sick. Vote. People condemn Dukakis for sending his son to the March On Sacramento. No one mentions that 95% of Sacramento's gay community stayed home.
6. Be wary of who you donate money to. Demand that AIDS organizations including large, gay-operated organizations, are acting in the community's best interest.

The amount of gay men who are infected with AIDS in Sacramento would easily fill a bar on Saturday night. We denounce bad legislation such as proposition 102. Yet we also label strong statements against unsafe sex as judgmental or homophobic. We must angrily reprehend unsafe sex, not just give tacit permission, if we expect to survive as a political force. Or just survive.

Thank you
Alex Zimmer

Reader disappointed

Dear Editor:

I was greatly disappointed to see the "Share the Moment" advertisement in the September issue of **MGW**. In comparing **MGW** to other gay newspapers, it has been the conspicuous absence of sexually-suggestive advertisements that has set **MGW** apart and above the others. What has happened to **MGW**'s journalistic standards?

Sincerely,
Donna Sanderson,
"A Reader"

Editor's note:
MGW *needs to pay its bills.*

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MGW GUEST EDITORIAL

Vote for Dukakis because...

We have spoken out across the country hoping to get the Democratic party leaders to reject the policy of courting 'Archie Bunker' Democrats at the expense of progressives. The party has chosen not to listen.

People of color, gay and lesbian people and progressives made their concerns very clear by supporting Jesse Jackson. This message was heard by many, and is reflected in the Democratic Party platform and rules reform. Our message will continue to be heard as we grow stronger.

Jackson lost the nomination. Dukakis won the nomination. Integrity made us work for Jackson. Now, integrity calls upon us to work for Dukakis.

There are some who feel progressives ought to intentionally stay home to "teach the Democrats a lesson." I disagree.

I'm sure the hungry and homeless, the sick and the old, those living with AIDS and those who are frightened at the pollution that is killing the seas — those who have suffered in so many ways from the Reagan-Bush policies of the past eight years — would wonder why we decided to desert them. I'm sure those who fought for eight years to stem the erosion of progress for people of color under the Reagan-Bush administration would wonder why we decided to leave.

I'm voting for Michael Dukakis because I'm voting for the children whose school lunch was under attack by a presidency that declared ketchup an adequate vegetable.

I'm voting for Dukakis because the Reagan-Bush years offered us sun screen as antidote to the disintegration of the ozone.

I'm voting for Dukakis because the children in the towns of northern Nicaragua want an end to war that has them jumping in and out of trenches to protect themselves from Bush-Reagan-sponsored terrorists.

I'm voting for Dukakis because people with AIDS need a president who will fight to get new drugs out to people with AIDS, to cut FDA red tape without using the AIDS crisis as an excuse to deregulate the drug industry, and who will protect people with AIDS from discrimination. That man is **not** George Bush, who sent a letter to gay elected officials focusing on testing as a key response to the AIDS crisis.

We're voting for Dukakis because the oceans that are dying cannot wait four years for Jackson to save them from Bush's commitment to offshore drilling.

We're voting for Dukakis because the homeless who sleep on city hall steps all summer need the federal government to build 200,000 units a year — as they did before Reagan — rather than the 20,000 a year that have been built under Reagan-Bush.

Vote for Dukakis because you do not want to be part of a presidency that offers women the coathanger as their only choice to an unwanted pregnancy, a presidency that would bring back the nightmare we remember.

Vote for Dukakis because he has openly gay men and women in his campaign, because when a gay rights bill passes he will sign it.

Vote for Dukakis because Ronald Reagan in eight years has appointed more than half of all the judges in the federal courts and you don't want George Bush to appoint the rest.

Vote for Dukakis because the three most liberal members of the Supreme Court are in their 80s; because you do not want to be part of a decision that will shackle the next two generations with a Reagan-Bush court that has already given us Hardwick and is itching to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Vote for Dukakis because Jerry Fallwell endorsed Bush.

I know Dukakis is not a savior. But it is a mistake to look for salvation in a president. It comes from within each of us.

I will vote for Michael Dukakis because he is a good man. And we can help him to become a better man.

I hope you will join me.

David Scondras
City Councilor
Boston, Massachusetts

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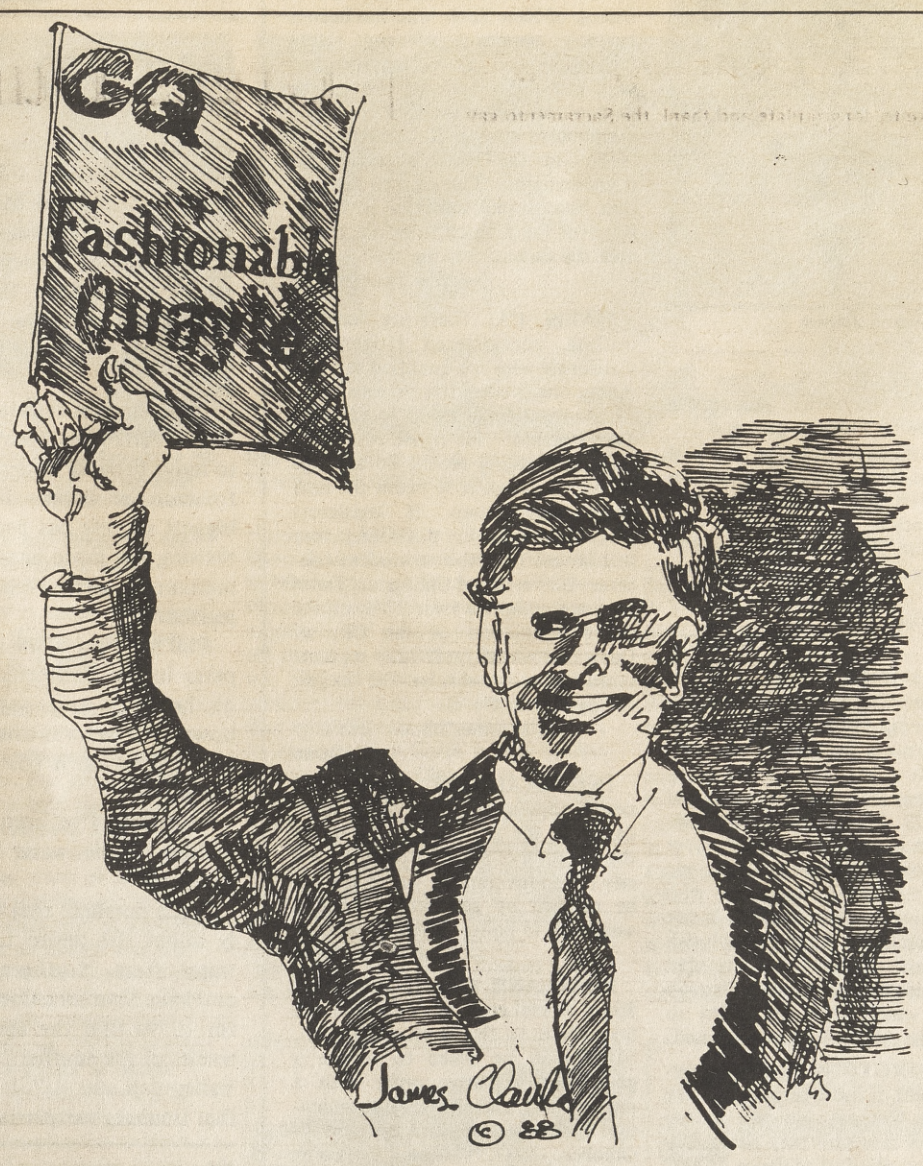

"I knew that eventually someone would recognize my greatest assets."

Demystifying the state ballot initiatives

by Kenneth Topper
President, River City Democratic Club

96— Would require that all persons "exposed to the AIDS virus" be reported to the State Department of Health and require testing of anyone who interferes with emergency personnel or law enforcement officers.

97— Would require the Governor and Department of Industrial Relations to restore private sector CAL-OSHA program.

99— Would increase taxes on cigarettes and tobacco directing funds to medical care, health education, and other purposes. Would raise the state revenues to approximately $300 million in 1989-90.

100— Auto insurance: reduces good driver rates and requires automobile, other property/casualty, health insurance rate approval, adopts antiprice-fixing, anti-discrimination laws. Fiscal impact: state administrative costs of $10 million paid by fees on insurance industry. Suggested by state Attorney General John Va deKamp and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

101— Auto insurance: limits compensation for non-economic losses for four years. Fiscal impact: state administrative costs of $2 million paid by fees on insurance industry. Financed by Coastal Insurance Co.

102— Would require physicians, surgeons, blood banks, plasma centers or alternative test sites to report any one they believe to be infected with HIV to county health officers and allow test results to determine employability and insurability.

103— Auto insurance: requires Insurance Commissioner's approval or rates. Prohibits price-fixing and discrimination. Fiscal impact: state administrative costs of $10 to $15 million paid by fees on insurance industry. Supported by Ralph Nader.

104 Auto insurance: establishes no-fault insurance for auto accidents. Reduces rates for two years. Restricts future regulation. Fiscal impact: state administrative costs of $2.5 million paid by fees on insurance industry. Financed by insurance industry.

105— Would require disclosure concerning toxic products, Medigap insurance, initiatives, nursing homes, and South Africa connections to consumers, voters, and investors.

106— Would place a cap on the contingency fee an attorney may collect in cases regarding injury to person or private property. (Tort Reform). Financed by insurance industry.□

Fire guts Mercantile and Scruples

by Griff Field
OF MGW STAFF

An arson fire, apparently one of five started by the same person or persons in the pre-dawn hours on October 4, gutted the mid-town Victorian building that housed the Mercantile House and Saloon and Scruples, hair-styling salon.

All five fires were started outside the buildings using rubbish and leaves. That pattern tends to indicate that the fires were not premeditated, according to Sacramento Fire Department spokesman Harold Ayers.

"What we had was just a runner — some guy running around the area starting fires," Ayers said.

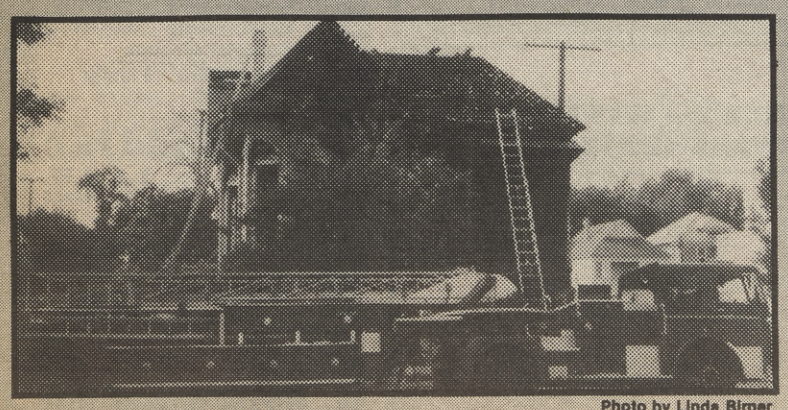

Photo by Linda Birner

The Mercantile was the most extensively damaged of the five structures involved. Complete loss estimates are not immediately available.

Shortly after 3am on October 5, less than 21 hours after the first fire, a suspect was apprehended in one of the burned-out L Street buildings when a passing police officer spotted the reflection of a fire through a boarded-up window.

Police and fire officials found two telephone books burning on the second floor of the building. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Officers found Gary A. Baugh, 30, hiding in a back room. Baugh, who gave a 16th Street motel as his address, was arrested for burglary and attempted arson. He is being held in lieu of $5,000 bail.

See Fire on pg. 4

Fire: more than an inconvenience

by Griff Field
OF MGW STAFF

Phones began ringing around Sacramento at an early hour the morning of October 4 as the word was passed that the Mercantile House and Saloon was burning. The reaction of one longtime customer was typical.

"I felt that I had lost an old friend," said Gary Smith, a midtown resident. For Smith, as for many others, a stop at the Mercantile on the way home was an eagerly-awaited rite at the end of the work day.

"The Merc was a place where you could go in and talk to people that you knew, discuss the terrible things that had happened to you at work that day and not have to take them home," Smith said.

The Happy-Hour crowd was the mainstay of the Mercantile's patronage. Every day between four and seven o'clock the bar was crowded with customers unwinding and taking advantage of 75 cent "well" drinks.'

"I really don't like the atmosphere at any of the other bars.

See Mercantile on pg. 4

MGW NEWS CLIPS

by J. Edward Jones
OF MGW STAFF

NASHVILLE, TN... When the Tennessee General Assembly reconvenes in January gay and lesbian Tennesseans will, for the first time, have their own registered professional lobbyist fighting for progay legislation. The Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Task Force has voted to accept a proposal to hire Gerry Scoppettuolo of Nashville to lobby the state legislature.

— GAZE

SAN FRANCISCO... Lawyers for the Lesbian Rights Project announced a stunning victory in the case of Artie Wallace a gay father, who won the nation's first court ruling granting custody of a child to a parent with AIDS. Wallace had been embroiled in a year-long battle over custody of his nine-year old son Shawn with his former wife who believed that because Wallace is gay and has AIDS, he posed a health risk to his son. Wallace was awarded physical custody of Shawn through 1989, at which point his ability to care for the child will be re-evaluated.

WASHINGTON, D.C... Forty-four percent of those responding to a survey on anti-gay violence in the Washinton area said they personally experienced physical violence or verbal abuse brought about by prejudice against gays. The report obtained information from 395 people who participated in the survey.

— The Washington Blade

PHILADELPHIA, PA... The Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance of Penn State University will host the first Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Student Conference from November 18-20. Students and organizations are encouraged to attend.

—PGN

SAN FRANCISCO..."Lavender Law: The National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues", the nation's largest gathering of legal professionals interested in lesbian and gay legal issues, will convene from November 11-13 in San Francisco. Speakers will include Rand Martin of LIFE and a contributor to **MGW**. For information, contact Lavender Law, Box 1983, S.F. 94101 or call 415/431-1444

NEW YORK, NY... Cardinal John O'Connor, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, who has been a staunch opponent of gay rights legislation and of accommodation with gay rights activists demanding recognition within the Church, made a statement saying "I know how to make clear the Church's teaching on homosexuality. The Church teaches that homosexual behavior is sinful, however the Church does not condmen the sinner, only the sin.

— New York Native

DAVIS, CA... There are nearly 6 million unregistered citizens in California who are qualified to vote. About one in every five persons in the 18-24 year old age group voted in the 1986 election. This figure represents the worst voting record by any age group — almost 20% below the next lowest age group. If legislators perceive students are not voting, they will be less receptive to student concerns. University of California, Davis students comprise over 50% of the entire population of the City of Davis. Obviously, if all students voted, they would be the largest voting bloc in Davis.

— ASUD State/Student and City Lobbies

INDIANAPOLIS, IND... The newly appointed police department liasion to the gay community, under the direction of Shirley Purvitis, has a city telephone number where she can be reached by gay people needing assistance in police related problems.

— New World News

PORTLAND, OR... On November 8th, a crucial civil rights election will take place in the state of Oregon. Voters will be asked to revoke a governor's executive order with a statute that encourages discrimination against lesbians and gay men. In October, 1987, Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt issued an executive order that prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the executive branch of state government.

—Oregonians For Fairness

SAN FRANCISCO... TransWorld Vacations of San Francisco has changed its literature, making it possible for two men to travel together. The new policy will become retroactive, allowing other gays who were before ineligible to be able to claim their winning vacation, to take part.

— BAR

SAN DIEGO... Lesbian Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom and gay former Sgt. Perry Watkins of the U.S. Army were guests of honor at the San Diego Democratic Club annual Freedom Banquet in September. More than 300 people attended. Danny Williams, a gay comedian from San Francisco was the M.C.

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Isenberg
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Isenberg made it clear that he is familiar with the LIFE lobby and the work of Rand Martin in that area. "We are making progress on AIDS issues in the legislature," he said. "By and large, the newer bills coming out are more rational and protective of people's rights and privacy."

"Our biggest failure on the subject of AIDS has been our inability to move broadly to provide funding for care for victims of AIDS. Our biggest success has been halting or revising the more harsh and severe measures proposed by some legislators."

Phil Isenberg is one of the top experts in the California Legislature on the state's water supply. That is, how much water is available, where is it, and what it costs to move it south.

"Frankly, I've been right in the middle of the water fight," said Isenberg.

"In a nutshell, that fight is simply about the desire to take more water from Northern California, and have Southern Californians pay for it, so that the agricultural interests of the southern San Joaquin Valley can use it." It is no secret that Isenberg's expertise on the subject of water is an important resource in the legislature.

Another subject on which Isenberg has become an expert is health care. AB 600, written by Isenberg, was a major piece of legislation to provide funding for catastrophic health insurance for Californians.

Isenberg readily acknowledges that many gay leaders opposed AB 600 as being too cautious, too conservative. "But, a more liberal plan wouldn't have succeeded at this time. We struggled to work out the funding for this plan," he said.

"If the Dannemeyer Initiative (Prop 102) passes, it will be especially urgent that this state provide adequate funding for health care for those who have AIDS. Now that persons with AIDS are living longer, they are often using up all their benefits and finding that they must sell all their assets and accept welfare in order to get any health care."

A couple of years ago, Assemblyman Isenberg was roundly criticized by many feminist leaders and liberal activists for his stand on abortions for teenagers. He departed from the standard position in the liberal and gay community by maintaining that, before getting an abortion, teenage girls should have the consent of their parents or the consent of an administrative panel secured in a private hearing.

"Being criticized by the women's movement was highly unusual for me," Isenberg said. "That position was my only sin with them, if there be one. Generally, I've maintained a '100 percent correct' record with NOW (National Organization for Women) and the NWPC (National Women's Political Caucus). I took that position a couple of years ago after a great deal of thought and reading and, frankly, I still believe I had the right idea. I believe the term 'minor' means something. It certainly does in driving an automobile, in making purchases, in signing contracts and in the field of law."

MGW asked the assemblyman how he has, so far, fared so well with the voters despite being painted an ultra-liberal who is an ally of Willie Brown and an opponent of the death penalty. "I think the voters are smarter than they are credited with being. They know that they will not always agree, on every issue, with any politician. But, I think they respect honesty and analysis. I've given the voters of this district honesty and an intelligent, analytical examination of the issues."□

Fire
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Baugh was not charged in the October 4 fires, according to police spokesman Sgt. Bob Burns, and the arson investigation is continuing.

"We were never able to connect him (Baugh) with the first fires. Arson is a very difficult crime to prove because you burn up the evidence," Burns said.

Baugh's attorney, Public Defender Sandra Martin, indicated that Baugh intends to plead not guilty to the single count of arson with which he is charged. The burglary charge was dropped.

"There is conflicting evidence about whether or not there actually was a second fire in the building," Martin said.

Both Burns and Ayers emphasized that there was no reason to believe the fires were related to anti-gay sentiments and that none of the other four fires were in gay-owned or occupied structures.

"The fire appears to be one of a series of random arsons using at-hand combustibles," said Burns. "We have found nothing to indicate that this was an attack on the gay community."□

Mercantile
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The Mercantile was the only place I felt comfortable," said a customer who asked not to be named.

But the loss of the 98-year-old converted Victorian at 20th and L Streets is more than an inconvenience to the people who worked there.

Max Thompson had recently begun a six-month trial management arrangement at Scruples, the hair-styling salon occupying the second story of the building. The fire is a loss of livelihood and a set-back in his plans to become his own boss.

"About 70 percent of our equipment was salvagable," said Thompson. "What we are losing is income."

All seven of Scruples' employees are working in other shops, Thompson said, and he is trying to coordinate their appointments from his home. But because of a billing dispute with the previous management, Pacific Bell will not forward calls made to the Scruples number.

"We lost most of our clients' phone numbers in the fire. We can't get in touch with them to tell them where the stylists are working," Thompson said. He asked that **MGW** publish his home phone number, 395-2542, so that the clients can reach their stylists.

Thompson said that his shop may move to another midtown location, possibly Sutter Galleria, under a new name.

Robert Hoyos, manager of the Mercantile, has hopes that the architecturally distinct Mercantile House can be restored.

"I talked to one contractor who said that he could do the job in four months," Hoyos said. He added that any plans for restoration of the building are in the hands of Bill Christie, who owns both the building and the business.

Seven of the nine Mercantile employees have been taken on at other gay bars in the area with the understanding that they will return to the Mercantile if and when it reopens.

Hoyos, known as Bobette to friends and customers, recalled the opening of the Mercantile in October, 1977.

"There had been a straight bar in the building called Greener's Pub. When it re-opened as the Mercantile, I started working as a waiter," Hoyos said. "It was the first gay bar in the area."□

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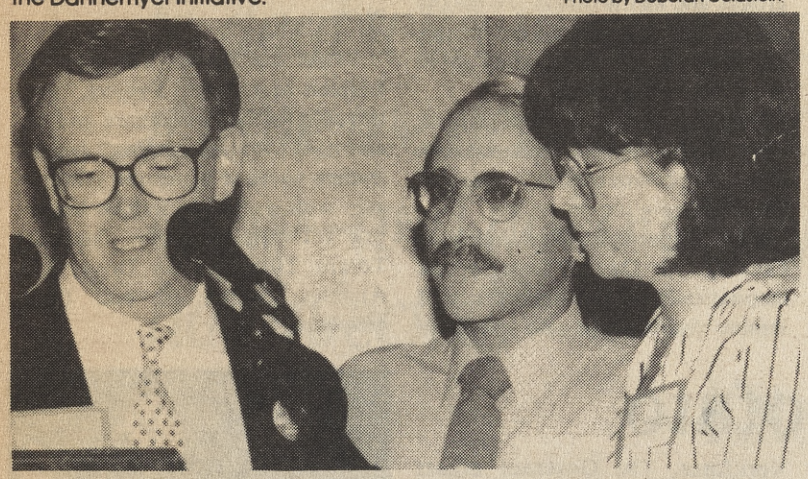
MGW FLASH!

(L-R) Senator Art Torres, Dr. Sandy Pomerantz, Doug Brown and Dr. Neil Flynn at CAP PAC's fundraiser against Prop. 102. The event raised $5,000 to fight the Dannemyer initiative. Photo by Deborah Goldstein

Dr. Neil Flynn was Guest Speaker at CAP PAC's "No on 102" fundraiser
Photo by Deborah Goldstein

The MGW office windows were a reminder to the community that October 11 was National Coming Out Day. Did you see our display by Chuck Miller?
Photo by Donnette Dietz



Doug Brown & Carolyn Langenkamp, co-chairs of CAP PAC present a special award to Dr. Sandy Pomerantz (C) for his outstanding contribution to the community. Photo by Deborah Goldstein

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

November, November, November. An election November! If everyone in our community were to cast a ballot what a difference it would make. Following October's **National Coming Out Day** (NCOD), the presidential election must be a November priority. Keep sharing the joy of who you are and what you can be ● Speaking of coming out, **Oprah Winfrey** had a show televised on National Coming Out Day with many audience members doing just that ● One of my favorite organizations **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays'** (PFLAG) November 15th meeting is entitled "What is Being Done To Help Persons with AIDS?" ● Another event not to miss is **MGW's Triumph '88 Awards Banquet** honoring special people and their accomplishments. This special occasion will be held at the **Club Restaurant.** RSVP by November 7 ● The **Sacramento National Organization for Women (NOW)** continues its **Focus II** Saturday morning feminist lecture series with "Women and the 1988 Presidential Election" with State Senator **Diane Watson** on November 5 ● **"The New Physician"** magazine named **Saul Levin** from the University Medical Center one of its top 10 "rising stars in medicine." Not too bad Doctor L ● What a thrill to be part of the first (hopefully annual!) Lambda Community Center's **Coming Out Follies.** My dancing friends who participated in the show made me quite proud. Some were appearing on stage for the first time! ● For those who want to keep more than just their toes tapping, check out my Ballroom and Western Dance mini-course starting November 21 ● With Christmas around the corner, there must be some unique and "special" gifts that you're hoping for. Let me know what they are and maybe, just maybe I'll mention it in the **MGW Flash** column next month. It's a chance to "up the probabilities ● Special thanks to **McGeorge School of Law,** the **Women's Caucus, Latino Law Students Association, Lambda Law Student's Association, Black Law Students Association** and the **Asian-American Law Students Association** for organizing the recent panel discussion on Prop 102. It's important that we all defeat this initiative ● The Healthy Living Series offered by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) offers two workshops in November: **Crystal Awareness** and **Breathing for Health** ● Other programs worth checking out at **SAF** are **Heart to Heart** on Tuesday evenings and one of my favorites, the **Buddy Connection** on November 14 ● It seems that everytime I turn around, there's something happening at the **Galleria.** November 2-27 will host "New Works for Theatre" by **California's Original Theatre Company.** For info. 392-4593 ● Another way to keep the arts alive is to join the **Sacramento Arts Council.** Whether your interests are visual art, dance, drama, music or literature. Call 421-4564 for membership information ● My friends over at **SACWN** informed me that an annual Holiday Party will be held at the Clarion Hotel — Sacramento on November 20. There will be entertainment, "scrumptious" appetizers and dancing. This is one active, fun women's group! ● **Hope House,** a private residence for AIDS patients, recently published its first newsletter. It was a pleasure to learn that the master of ceremonies of the "Coming Out Follies," **Vicki Bailey,** is also the **Hope House** manager. Please support this worth-while cause ● **Jeff Stone** and **Art Boehm** are doing a great job as co-facilitators of SAF's **Heart to Heart** series ● Ever since my Hawaii get-away in August I'm anxious to take off on another trip. After glancing over the escape packages from **All Travel Services** at 22 and J, I'm ready! ● What a fun tee-shirt **Dr. Judy Chalk** was wearing the other day. It was inscribed with *"Be the doctor your mother always wanted you to marry."* Judy is a successful chiropractor **and** fantastic dancer ● On the same train of thought, **Karen L. Chaney** of Chaney Chiropractic Care recently celebrated her one year anniversary. Congratulations from everyone at **MGW** ● Check out **The Show Below** presentation of **The Lion in Winter** through December 17. The show is directed by **Ivan Sandoval,** a mega-talented theatre person on and off the stage ● **Michael Maslowsky** was pictured in the Sacramento Bee as president-for-a-day with the real president of California State University, Sacramento **Don Gerth** ● **The Spokes Womyn's Bicycle Club** has a Crocker Museum Ride and a Muffin Ride planned for November ● For those of you who are positive (and negative) watch out for the **Positive Social Support Network (PSSN)** newsletter, soon to be hot off the press ● For all you *coupon queens and kings,* the **Sacramento Stop AIDS Project** is selling a coupon book filled with savings for all over town ● **Deno's** the country-western bar in West Sacramento is working hard to get you to cross the bridge. See if you agree with me that the music, food, dancing and staff are all fine ● What's happening at the **Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sac State (GLAS)?** It was an important part of my life in the early 80s. Let me know your activities and issues! ● I'm especially honored to take a small part in the paper this month as **MGW** celebrates 10 years! ● I finally made it to **Grant Pasley's Capitol Aquarium** at 29th and T. It's almost like going to the zoo! ● An important month is beginning in our history, get involved in the community, speak out and **VOTE!** Be your best and make a difference!...love, John□

(L-R) Robert-Jean Ray – Director, Acurate Art Gallery; and Kerry Sutton – featured artist, attend the Grand Opening of the Acurate Art Gallery on 12th and K Street. Sacramento's finest caterers and restaurants provided food and beverages at this event held on October 8. Photo by Deborah Goldstein

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of men and women who are known through their peers and community as examples of excellence and dedication. Nominees may be gay or straight, volunteers or professionals who have made a positive impact on the gay and lesbian community.

A panel of men and women representing business and professional communities, as well as social and public service organizations will evaluate nominations and present awards.

The Awards presentation will be held on Friday, November 11, beginning at 6:30pm at the Club Restaurant at O and 8th Street. The guest of honor will be Dr. Sandy Pomerantz. The event will be MC'd by Frank Lawler and Vicki Bailey. Entertainment will include The Sacramento Men's Chorus.

Dinner and Awards Ceremony is $25 per person. RSVP by November 7. Seating is limited. Call 441-6397 for tickets.□

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"Power Through Action" — lesbian conference theme

by Linda Joplin and Laurel Faust
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The National Lesbian Rights Conference drew more than 1,000 lesbians from as far away as Alaska and Maine to San Diego in October to begin to develop an agenda for progress for the lesbian community and for the broader feminist community of which lesbian rights activists are an important and integral part.

The Conference, sponsored by the National Organization for Women Foundation, reflected the wide diversity of women who are lesbians. We are a diverse community and we are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of working together. All of our rights are at stake.

A veritable weekend "affair" spanning a period of two and a half days, the conference attracted a large number of national and local celebrity activists:

Molly Yard — National NOW President; Charlotte Bunch — an early inspirational writer-activist; Robin Tyler — a radical, lesbian feminist comedian and producer; Jean O'Leary — Coordinator of National Coming Out Day who was recently appointed by Presidential Candidate Michael Dukakis to the Democratic National Committee; Roberta Achtenberg — Directing Attorney for the Lesbian Rights Project of San Francisco; Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin who are pioneers in the field of lesbian feminist activism; Carmen Vasquez — long-time activist and currently the Coordinator of Lesbian and Gay Health Services for San Francisco County; Robin Morgan — an award-winning poet, writer, political theorist, and feminist activist; entertainers Kay Weaver, Deidre McCalla, Marga Gomez, and Lucie Blue Tremblay, as well as Karen Thompson, a National Lesbian and Disability Rights Activist who is seeking the release of her lover Sharon Kowalski from illegal incarceration.

The theme of the conference was appropriately "Power Through Action", and was portrayed through a focus on several key issues. These were: strengthened alliance with the feminist movement and with oppressed minority groups, development of a global perspective, lesbian visibility and renewed enthusiasm for lesbian issues as central issues, increased influence over government legislation and increased contact with the establishment media.

Yard expressed her indignation over recent rights restrictions of gays and lesbians in the District of Columbia where she is from, and over homophobic legislation that is being proposed by Colorado Senator William Armstrong.

Emphasizing the need for an understanding of cultural and global diversities (and counter the "America is number one" approach), Bunch stated, "We need to move our agendas into all the other groups and organizations we work with. The women's groups like NOW, but also the peace groups, the environmental groups, the antiracist groups, the housing groups and all the others. To me the cutting edge of coming out in this period of time, is also coming out in those environments."

"Racism, sexism, handicapism, homophobia, agism, militarism are all interconnected," warned Thompson.

In her capacity as Coordinator of Coming Out Day, O'Leary spoke emphatically on the importance of lesbian visibility.She also stressed a return to a lesbian agenda. "In many ways we have been the backbone, but also relegated to the background of both the feminist movement and the gay movement. We've been minor items in someone else's agenda."

Copies of the Agenda, which was adopted at the conference are available, at cost, from NOW. The agenda contains 38 sections covering various lesbian issues.Call (916) 442-3414 to obtain the address and price.

"Pass the Torch! The National Lesbian Mentorship Project," was unveiled at the Conference and encourages "up and coming" lesbian leaders to have a mentor relationship with a veteran lesbian leader. For information write: Pass the Torch! 2305 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, 90068 or call (213) 469-4454.□

Pay equity — still a political hot potato

by Shireen Miles
OF MGW STAFF

In the early 1980s pay equity, or comparable worth, was a political hot potato. It still is. Jesse Jackson in his stump speeches kept repeating the phrase "comparable worth for women" as a basic right we have yet to achieve. Where are we in California in this struggle to achieve equal pay for equal work?

Pay equity means that salaries should be based on the skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions each job requires relative to all other jobs in an organization — regardless of whether the jobs are held by men or women.

Existing federal and state laws prohibit sex-based wage discrimination. These laws are the Federal Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and the California Fair Employement and Housing ACT. Additional state laws on pay equity apply to the state work force and to local government.

In August of 1985, the Comparable Worth Task Force completed its comprehensive report to the Legislature on the status of pay equity in California. This excellent report entitled, "California Comparable Worth Task Force: Report to the Legislature" was required by the enactment of ACR 37 (Tanner) in 1983. The report explains the patchwork of laws in California, identifies the barriers and impediments to full implementation of the principle of pay equity, and makes recommendations for needed changes in California law. Copies are availabe for $4.95 from Joint Publications, State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento 94249, (916) 445-4874.

One Task Force recommendation for legislation was a bill to create a Commission to study the state civil service compensation and classification systems. Senator David Roberti introduced such a bill (SB 1701) in 1984. Governor Deukmejian vetoed SB 1701, and has subsequently vetoed identical legislation authored by Senator Roberti, in 1985, 1986, and 1988 respectively. This year's version SB 1776, was vetoed on September 30. Senator Roberti is to be commended for his persistence in keeping the issue alive in the California legislature.

The purpose of the Roberti bill is to provide the Legislature with the necessary data to correct sex-based compensation inequities in the state workforce. The Governor argues that the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) should provide this data, but the Governor has never ordered such a study. The Governor also believes state collective bargaining is the proper avenue for resolving state pay inequities.

Also lurking in the shadows and contributing to the Governor's position on pay equity is the opposition of business interests such as the Chamber of Commerce. Most private employers oppose any overtures toward pay equity fearing that if the Legislature finds gender-based pay discrimination in civil service, it will want the private sector to find and rectify private gender-based pay discrimination.

Despite this legislative stale-mate, local activists and sympathetic elected officials have been remarkably successful at winning pay equity battles at the municipal and county level. Often with very little fanfare, wage diferentials are being adjusted. Pay equity is not as high profile as it was in the early 1980s, but it's an ongoing and unresolved issue. California NOW remains committed to working on pay equity. We strongly believe that pay equity is just, necessary and inevitable. □

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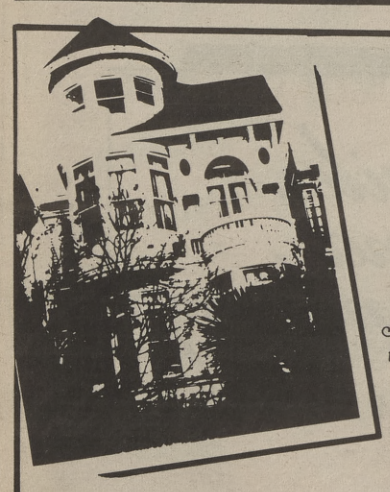
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—Kitty Dukakis

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- Will revise immigration laws that bar entry into our country on the basis of sexual preference.
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The 1988 Coming Out Follies

by Michael Campbell
OF MGW STAFF

National Coming Out Day, October 11, was an opportunity for each individual to express in his or her own way, that they are gay. The Lambda Community Center on October 8th offered an unusual but entertaining way for some of us to take that "next step" with the "Coming Out Follies" held at Sacramento City College.

To stand before an audience as Lennie Pama did and sing a song entitled, "Mom...Guess What!" (good choice for a title) takes guts, especialy if you've never performed before an audience before. As MC Vicki Bailey said, it — coming out — could be the scariest moment of your life.

Jim Sechelski and Steve Van Dyke, who call themselves "Open Door", performed with their original number, "White Pants", being their best piece. They should continued to rely on their work and not the work of others.

The John Batchelor Dance Company offered a variety of diferent dance styles, though a bit lengthy.

Soloist Marcia Sellers (folk), Mike Overa (country) and Lennie Pama (folk), presented a variety of original and rewritten songs reflecting the gay experience. The women's rock group, "The Moonlighters", performed some great old standards ala Aretha Franklin style. The Sacramento Men's and Sacramento Women's Chorus added their touch of class and harmony to numbers like "Baby Come Back" and Broadway showtunes.

The audience had to be patient between acts as there was no rehearsal, which caused some confusion. But thanks to Vicki Bailey's running and humorous dialogue, the audience was well entertained. The small audience was enthusiastic and supportive, with fewer than 300 people attending.

Ticket sales totaled $1,600 but when the $1,200 for expenses is subtracted only $400 remained to apply toward's the Lambda Fund.

Gay men and lesbians in the Sacramento area should be reminded that here in our own backyard is a gay community that's alive and vibrant but in great need of our support. We should have had the theatre packed.

One of the purposes of the Lambda Center is to be a visible reminder to the City of Sacramento that there **are** gay men and lesbians living here. Maybe we need to spend some time reminding ourselves of that same fact.□

Joe Coleman and Vicki Bailey at the Follies — Photo by Rob Jenkens

Russian pianist slated at the Sacramento Symphony

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

If you like a familiar Beethoven piano concerto with a pleasing and delightful second movement, or, if you like a famous and popular piano concerto by Grieg, November is your month at the Sacramento Symphony.

The Beethoven piece will be his *Piano Concerto No. 3* to be played on November 4, 5 and 6 by Alexander Slobodyanik, the celebrated Soviet pianist. Extraordinarily handsome and titanically talented, he was originally a maverick in the tradition of the late Glen Gould and William Kapell.

The same program will include Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture* and Bartok's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta*. The Brahm's piece is described in the symphony's program notes as "a medley of four songs that were popular with the singing groups that met in the beer-halls of German university towns."

The Bartok piece, quoting again from the symphony brochure, "is one of the authentic masterpieces of our century..." Bartok had an enormous influence on 20th century serious music. He changed music in this century and this work gives us some samples of those changes.

The next symphony program, on November 18, 19 and 20, will feature Italian pianist Andrea Lucchesini playing Grieg's well-loved *Piano Concerto in A Minor*. Also on that program, the orchestra will present the *Overture to Semiramide* by Rossini and *Mathis der Mahler* by Hindemith, another significant 20th century composer.

The beauty of these two November concerts is that you hear a couple of popular, familiar piano concertos in the Romantic tradition AND you can also hear a couple of "significant" 20th century compositions, pieces you don't get to hear every day.

Also, just in case you get this newspaper in time, don't forget the choral spectacular on Saturday, October 29 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 11th and K. The program will feature the symphony chorus, the orchestra and vocal soloist singing Faure's *Requiem*, another 20th century composition.

Interested? Call the symphony box office at 973-0200 and use Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Weinstock's charge card.□

Jane Chambers' play premieres at Theatre Rhino

by Louis A. Camera
OF MGW STAFF

Kudzu will be the second main stage presentation of *Theatre Rhinoceros* and will be the West Coast premiere of the late Jane Chambers' last play. A comedy, **Kudzu** is about two "old maids" living in the midst of a Southern political family and how they surmount family hostilities to protect their romance.

Jane Chambers was born in South Carolina in 1983. At a time of her death from a malignant brain tumor in 1983, at the age of 45, she was recognized as one of America's most outstanding lesbian playwrights. Her work on television's *Search for Tomorrow* earned her a Writers Guild Award, but her greatest fame was attained addressing her lesbian identity in the plays: *My Blue Heaven, A Late Snow*, and *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove.* **Kudzu** was beginning rehersal when she died.

Theatre Rhinoceros, now in its eleventh season, is committed to the creation and advancement of Lesbian and Gay theatre. **Kudzu** will open on November 9th and run through December 17th at 2926 16th Street (near South Van Ness), San Francisco. Performances begin at 8pm Wednesday through Saturday at 3pm on Sunday. Tickets are $12 and may be ordered by calling the box office at (415) 861-5079□

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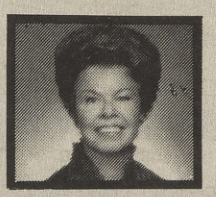
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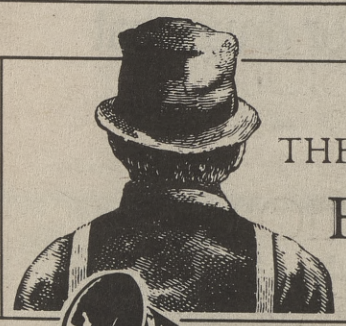
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San Francisco Opera Season begins brilliantly

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

After last year's mediocrity, the SFO began promisingly. The opener was a revival of Meyerbeer's "L'Africaine." After its 1865 premiere, this opera was enormously popular before fading away in this century. One wonders what audiences saw in it, with its hokey exoticsm (the heroine ends it all by breathing the fragrance of a poisonous tree) and uninspired music. Time after time Meyerbeer passed up opportunities for real music, opting instead for recitative and musical nutrasweet.

Placido Domingo, in ringing voice, made a big hit with "O paradis," yet one wonders why he sang this role. It shows little of his marvelous tenor and portrays Vasco da Gama as an insensitive power-grabber.

As queen Selika, Shirley Verrett was noble, and much of her singing was lovely, but the top notes showed that she was a mezzo in over her head. Justino Diaz sang Nelusko, Selika's vengeful servant, with a rich bass-baritone but got hoarse in acts II and III.

Ruth Ann Swenson's ravishingly floated tones were wasted on the innocuous music and character of Inez.

Despite Maurizio Arena's energetic conducting, the opera dragged at nearly 4 hours. The sets confused bigness with grandness, while the ballet was a preposterous east-meets-west affair.

The US premiere of Rossini's 1820 "Maometto II" (Mehmet II), brought the SFO debut of 3 major artists: soprano June Anderson, tenor Chris Merritt, and bass Simone Alaimo. The libretto is one of those inane love-versus-duty-to-country concoctions so popular in the 19th century Italian opera. But Rossini's melodic arias, duets, and trios are inspired.

As Mehmet the Turkis conqueror, Alaimo's bass conquered all the fiendish coloratura, and he acted and sang with the vigor of a great sultan.

June Anderson sang Anna Erisso who, though in love with Mehmet, sacrifices herself for her country (yawn). Her soaring voice is a large lyric-coloratura (she took a rock solid high E-flat) without brittleness. She is more a Sutherland or

See Opera on pg. 12

Anne Trulove (Susan Patterson) comforts Tom Rakewell (Jerry Hadley in Bedlam, where he has been confined among the lunatics in Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress." Production design by David Hockney. Photo by Marty Sohl

Auditions for "The Normal Heart"

Early in 1981 something insidious crept into New York. Where it came from no one knew. It made itself known by attacking primarily members of the gay community. No one believed it at first and even cared. Those few who did care, however, formed the first organization to voice concern over what is now known as AIDS.

The **Normal Heart** is a drama about the struggle to make gays aware of their vulnerability to AIDS, help the victims cope, and mostly to make government funds available for research of the mysterious killer. **The Normal Heart** is about those who were caring enough to risk their reputations — and those who weren't

Auditions for **The Normal Heart** by Larry Kramer will be held at the California State University Sacramento Playwright's Theatre, at 7pm on Monday December 5. A two-minute memorized monologue is required. Follow-up readings will be held at 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7 in the Playwrights Theatre. Callbacks, if needed will be on December 8 and the cast list will be posted on December 9. Mulit-ethnic casting is preferred.

Although priority is given to CSUS Theatre students, everyone who auditions will be considered. For information call 278-6368.□

Sacramento Ballet opens with Tchaikovsky

by Michael Campbell
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Ballet opened its 34th season with an all Tchaikovsky program highlighted by "Swan Lake" (Act II). Included in the program was "Allegro Brillante" set to Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 3 Op. 75 with choreography by George Balanchine and "Imperial Variations", newly choreographed by Ron Cunningham and set to Tchaikovsky's Suite No. 3 Op. 55.

The first act entitled "Allegro Brillante" orginally choreographed by Balanchine, did not seem to get off the ground. The dancers were concentrating to hard on their dance rather than creating a feel for the music. The Piano Concerto was never intended for the dance and some of the transitions were fractured. The Balanchine choreography still showed forth and the simplicity and style that was his genius was evident.

Act II or "Swan Lake", based on the original choreography by Lev Ivanov and Nicholas Sergeyev, opened with a cunningly serene set created by George Kousoulides. The dancers seemed better prepared with the wonderfully familiar music and story, gave the audience what they had waited for. The principals Diane McLarty and Michael Denham presented a pas de deux that was luscious and sensitive. Backed by a skilled corp de ballet and Stephen Stradley as the Count, "Swan Lake" was delightful.

"Imperial Variations" was Ron Cunningham's first ballet choreography as artistic director and showcased featured dancer Mary Alyce Laubacher and Michael Denham. It was the most technical and athletic piece of the evening, with an abundance of lifts and fast paced leg work. In this piece as in the others, the orchestra was brilliant and rich sounding, complimenting the dance.

The Sacramento Ballet as a professional company will need time to grow. The dancers, although experience, need time to develop their skills. The evenings dance did not have the inspiration or excitement nor did it possess the highly skilled technique so necessary to present world class dance. But with a good director at the helm, and a steadfast corp of dancers, the potential is there to create a great ballet company.

Beginning December 9 and running through December 18, the Sacramento Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" for it's twenty-first consecutive season. Also, running April 21 and 22, the Ballet will present "American Gala", featuring the Sacramento Ballet premiere of "That Certain Feeling", music by George Gershwin and the world premiere of Ron Cunningham's "American Suite", music by John Philip Sousa.□

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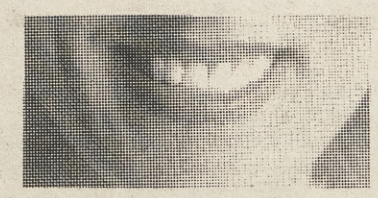
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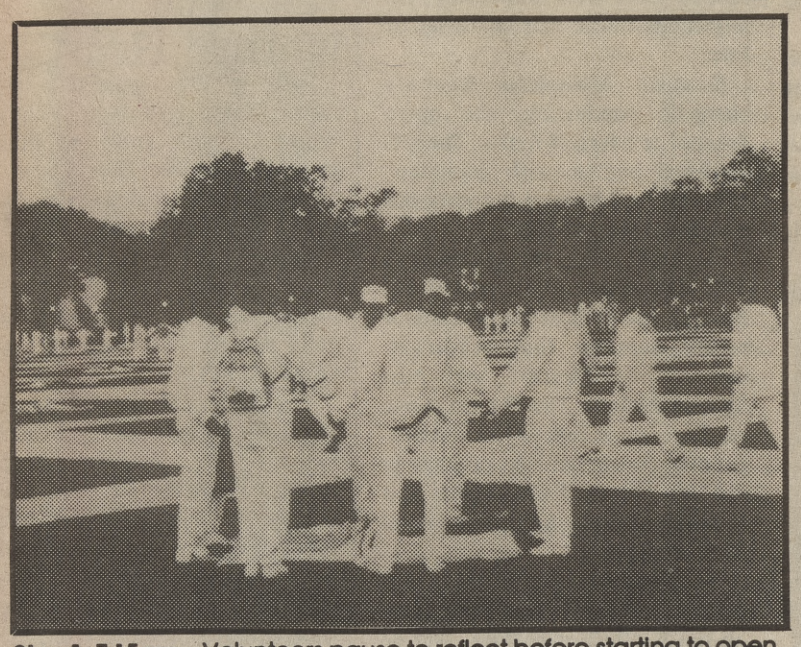

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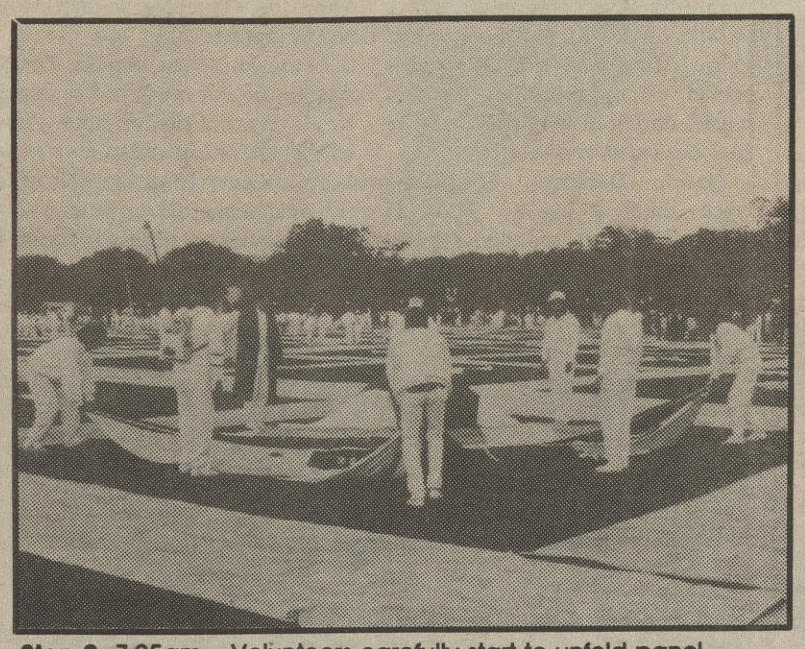

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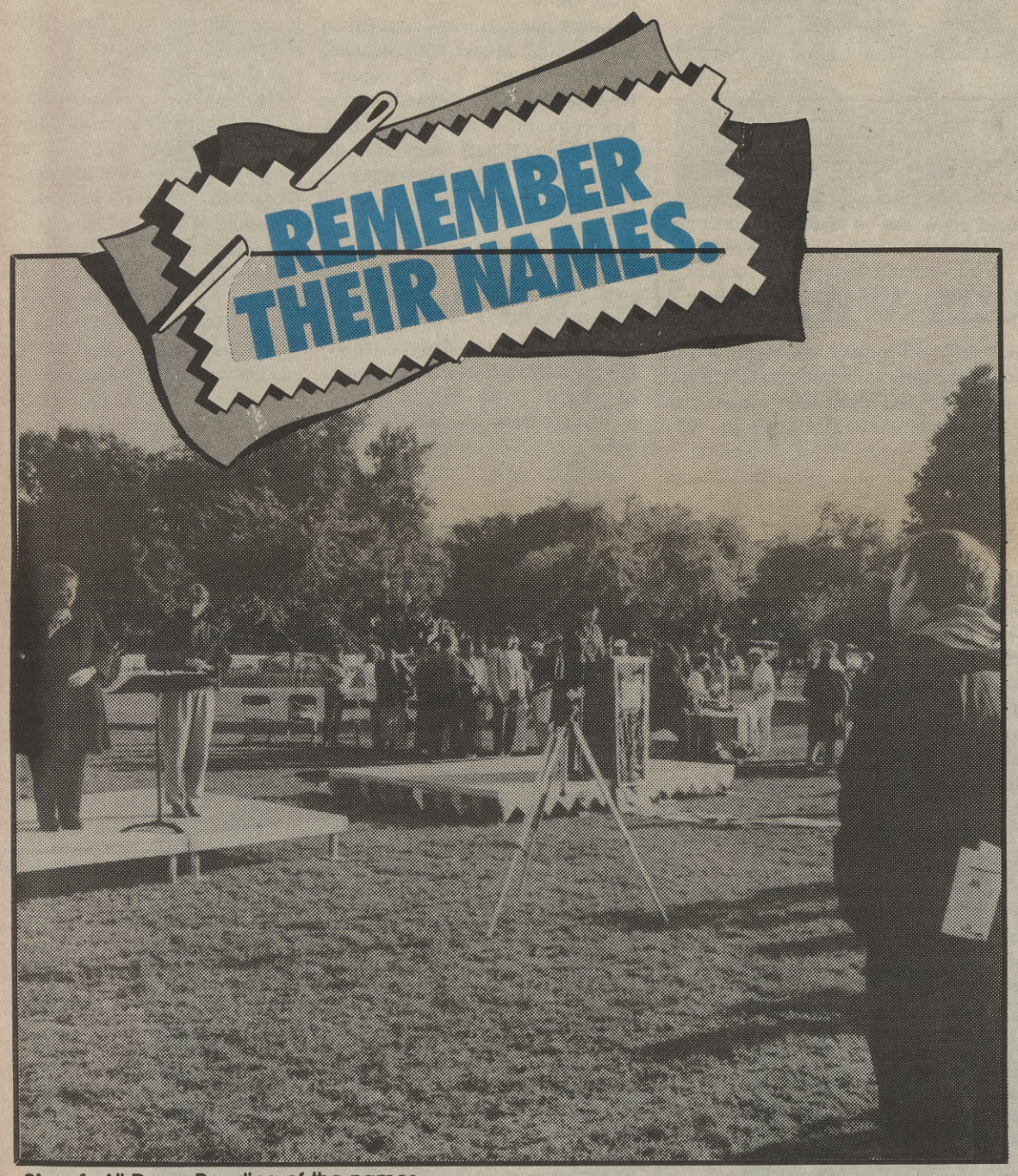

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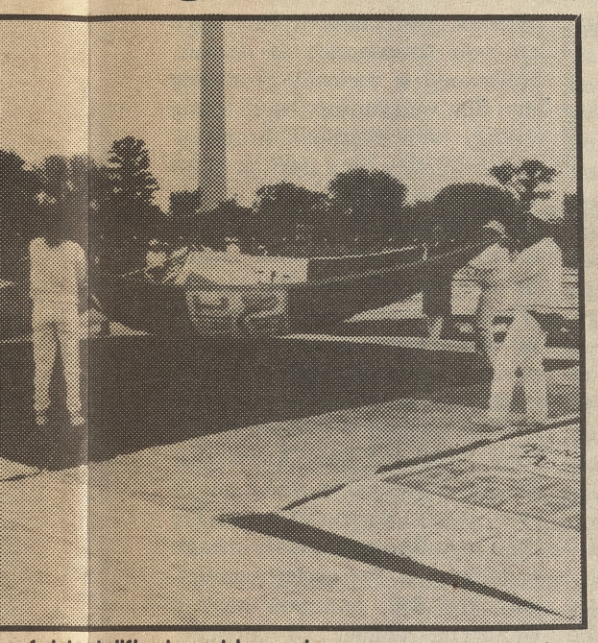

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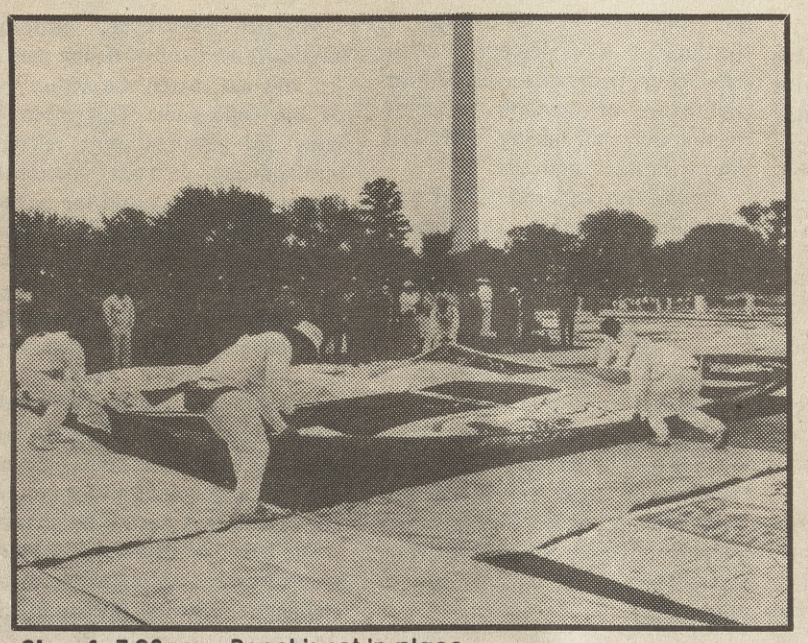

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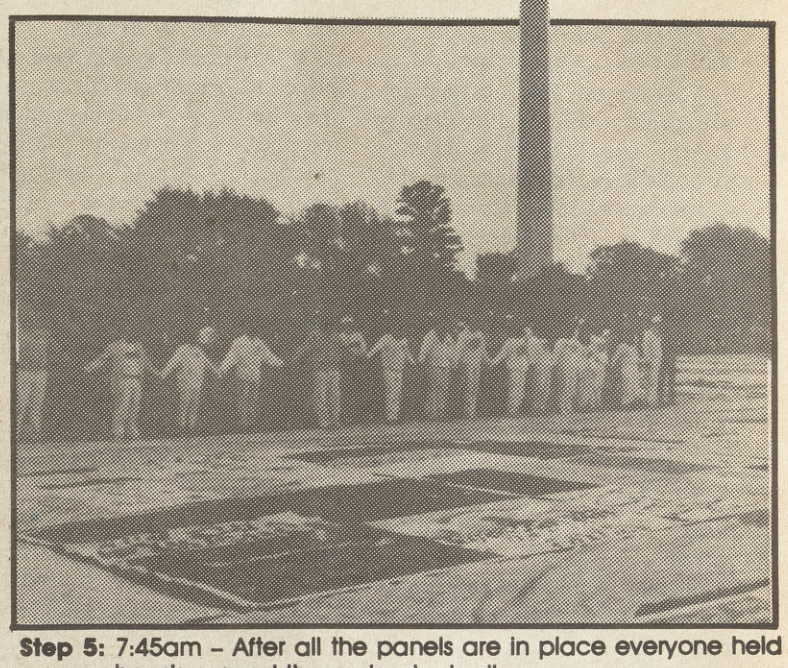

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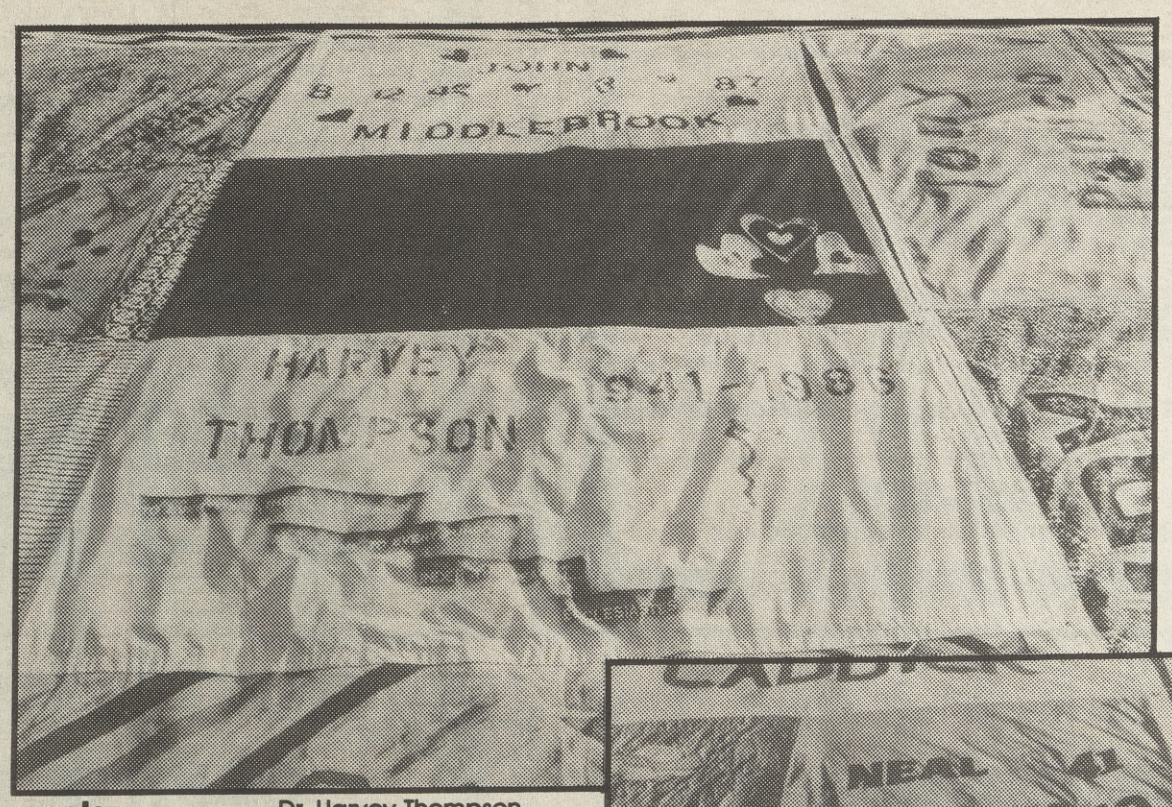

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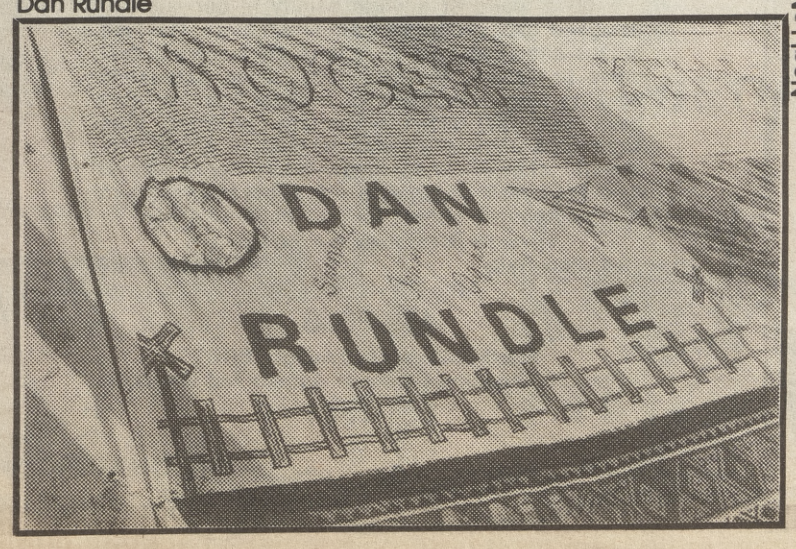

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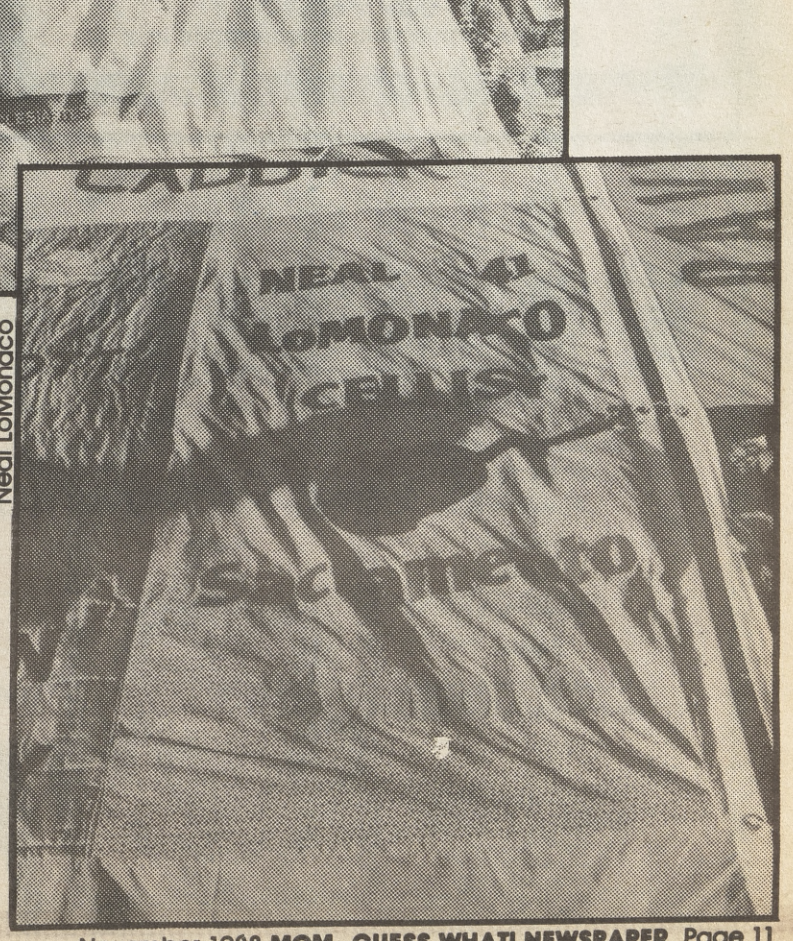

"Torch Song": a cut above at the Show Below

by Michael Gorman
OF MGW STAFF

"Like a gaudy East Indian purse, outrageous in color, embroidered in cliche design, the worth of these plays lies ultimately in the tiny mirrors woven into the fabric wherein we catch our reflections."

Harvey Fierstein was writing of his three plays-within-a-play which make up the Tony award-winning show **Torch Song Trilogy**. If this reviewer's reaction is at all representative, he could well have been writing of the Show Below's recent Sacramento production of **Widows And Children First**, part III of the trilogy. I saw in the mirror and was moved.

The play revolves around Arnold Beckoff, a rather flamboyant gay man who is distinctive, not because of his sexuality, but because of the universality of his struggles.

Widows and Children First takes place just before and during a visit from his oh-so-traditional and not-too-open-minded mother who has not yet met Arnold's soon-to-be-adopted teenage foster son. Adding to the already volatile situation is the presence of Arnold's ex-lover Ed, recently separated from the woman for whom he left Arnold. Ironically much of the dramatic tension in the play grows out of those things which the characters have in common but cannot see because they cannot or will not look past their surface differences.

Arnold and his mother are both widows, but unable to understand or comfort each other. Arnold and Ed are both trying to rebuild their torn lives, but too often see only as far as their respective insecurities and scars. David, the teenager, is perhaps the most perceptive of the characters, frustrated over the near-sightedness of the adults, often affectionately patronizing in his dealings with their quarrels.

Dennis Curry played Arnold with a tender strength that made believable his (dual) role of strong father and vulnerable lover. Unfortunately, the character could have been even better had Curry not shied away from portraying Arnold's flaming queen facade, which Fiersten includes as an important character element, not a gratuitous stereotype.

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Like Curry, Trudy Jorgenson demonstrated an empathy for the paradoxes of her character, blending unbending values with motherly nurturing — and pulling it off.

Erik T. Dhal created a character his own age with a depth of insight unusual for a 15-year-old. His character jumped with adolscent energy, between street-wise wisdom, vulnerability and comical bravado. Dhal handled these difficult emotional transitions with finess.

Michael Severance, although physically well-suited to the part of Ed, did not match the acting level of his colleagues. Too often his lines and gestures were delivered mechanically: technical correctness without the timing and the passion that gives the character life. Consequently scenes between Severance and the other characters lacked the electricity of the other groupings. The physical interaction between Ed and Arnold reflect the camaraderie of college roommates rather than the tenderness between former lovers. Had the play not focused on Arnold and his mother, this would have been a fatal flaw.

The crew of **Widows** distinguished itself by not distinguishing itself. The lighting, the set, the sound, and the props enhanced the intimacy of the action without over-shadowing it, not an easy task in the small space of The Show Below.

Shelly Sanford's direction made the subtle nuances of the character interaction beautifully concrete, most of the time. A choice to have Mrs. Beckoff and Arnold embrace at the end of the play, however, robbed the play of pathos in favor of resolution and lessened the impact of the play's ending.

For those readers who missed **Widows And Children First** there are two reasons not to despair. Hollywood is currently producing the film version of Torch Song Trilogy with Matthew Broderick who is working for a fraction of his usual fee because he sees the project as important to the cinema and his career. Secondly, ***The Show Below's*** next offering, ***The Lion In Winter***, is a play at least equal in power to *Torch Song Trilogy*. It promises witty dialogue, profound insight and a wickedly intense scene between Richard The Lionheart and King Phillip of France. Add to that Eleanor of Aquitaine, who is one of the most powerful female characters in contemporary theatre and Henry II, her perfect counterpart and foil, and you have a wonderful collage of intrigue, power, greed and lust.

Auditions for the show were large and the cast promises to be strong, as will be the direction of Ivan Sandoval. This one is not to be missed! It opens on November 4 and runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm through December 17. Reservations can be made at 446-2787 after October 24. Tickets are $9 general and $8 for students, seniors and SARTA members.□

Opera
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Chris Merritt was undaunted by Paolo's intricate coloratura as he too sailed up to high E-flat.

As Calbo, Marilyn Horne's brilliant technique touched off a prolonged ovation, but her voice was smaller than usual and the top notes were not easy. Hopefully this was just an off-day.

Alberta Zedda in the pit kept excitement high and balanced the many esembles beautifully. The Met's "Siege of Corinth" (the Paris rewrite of "Maometto II") sets were stunning. Huge stone walls and Mehmet's opulent tent filled the stage grandly.

Next came a revival of the 1975 Glyndebourne production of Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress." David Hockney's sets, inspired by Hogarth's 1932-33 prints illustrating the downfall of a rake, are like huge black and white engravings, vividly magnifying the cross-hatching. What little color there is, such as green leaves and blue sky, stands out strikingly. This is one of the most imaginative SFO productions.

The musical production, led by John Mauceri, was a well-balanced ensemble. Tenor Jerry Hadley (Tom Rakewell), soprano Susan Patterson (Anne Truelove), bass William Shimell (the Mephistophelian Nick Shadow), and mezzo Victoria Vergara (the bearded Baba the Turk) may not have superstar voices, but they all sang and acted enthusiastically.□

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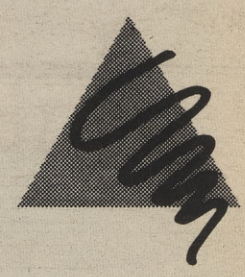

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MGW THE AIDS COLUMN

by Steven Bold
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■ 176 demonstrators were arrested after closing down the FDA building in Rockville, Maryland in an act of civil disobedience. The demonstrators were protesting policies that restrict access to experimental drugs sought by AIDS patients...

■ The FDA has announced that it will speed up the process for people with AIDS to receive new treatments. This announcement came at a time of increased criticism of the agency....

■ Positive Social Support Network is a new newsletter for HIV positives, people with AIDS, and people with ARC. It will include information on support groups and services which are available. For information PSSN, PO Box 189306, Sacramento, CA 95818....

■ Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose Propositions 96 and 102. The Board also accepted $56,900 in state money for its AIDS prevention clinics...

■ Hours before the deadline, the House and Senate voted to continue a program which provided AZT to low income people with AIDS. This program is designed for people who are not poor enough for Medicaid but who can't afford the $7,200 a year for AZT...

■ The formation of a Sacramento alternative health care clinic for AIDS, ARC, and HIV positive patients is underway. Volunteers are needed who are skilled in massage, chiropractic, and acupuncture as well as people to take blood pressures and health histories. Call Dr. Karen Chaney at 922-3338 for information...

■ The County is offering free HIV antibody testing at the Capitol Health Center, 1500 C Street. Appointments can be made by calling 366-2922. Everyone who seeks testing is counseled beforehand about the test and whether testing should occur...

■ Senator Alan Cranston has introduced two bills to help communities provide and pay for services for increasing numbers of AIDS patients. The "AIDS Health Care Services Act of 1988" appropriates $250 million a year to develop community-based networks similar to those pioneered in San Francisco. The "AIDS Health Care Financing Act of 1988" would, among other things extend health insurance for AIDS patients for additional 11 months...

■ Scientists have altered a powerful natural poison so that it seeks and kills AIDS-infected cells, suggesting a possible therapy to limit the spread of the virus within infected people. Martin Hitsch of the Harvard Medical School called the poison research a scientific advance but said any medical usefulness will take time to demonstrate. In a second development, other researchers produced stable AIDS virus infection in rabbits. That may help testing of AIDS vaccines and drugs by providing a plentiful alternative to chimpanzees, which are costly and in limited supply...

■ Rep. William Dannemeyer, Capitol Hill homophobe and sponsor of numerous "hostile" AIDS amendments was scheduled to represent Republican Presidential nominee George Bush in a September AIDS debate...

■ Paul Gann is advocating a boycott against Wells Fargo Bank because the bank contributed $5000 to the No on Prop 102 campaign. Gann said the bank had made the contribution because they were afraid they would be boycotted by the gay community if they did not. The bank said they made the contribution because they do not like the measure....

■ The Center for Disease Control reports that 72,645 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS since 1981 and 40,989 have died. In California, 15,844 people have been diagnosed and 9,263 have died.□

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caller alleged that Eckert had engaged in various homosexual activities.

The allegations prompted an investigation by the Office of Special Investigations, the Air Force's civilian detective force. Eckert was ordered to undergo a blood test for the HIV antibody at the base clinic. The results indicated that he had been exposed to the AIDS virus.

Eckert was ordered to Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, for medical evaluation. Based on the extent of the infection, procedures were begun to give him a medical discharge.

Eckert's medical discharge was halted August 12 when the charges were brought against him for alleged homosexual activity.

Eckert's civilian attorney, Leo F. Donahue, maintains, "They (the Air Force) are going to have a helluva time attempting to prove those allegations. They're going to have major problems with the credibility of their witnesses."

Eckert has denied all of those charges against him. A married man with two children, Eckert could face imprisonment and loss of all retirement benefits for himself and his family if court martialed and convicted.□

MGW UPDATE

Landmark army/gay enlistee case reheard

by Griff Field
OF MGW STAFF

Drawing familiar battle lines, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the U.S. Army faced off again over the Army's ban on homosexuals. The skirmish took place during the rehearing of Watkins v. U.S. Army before 11 judges of the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco on October 12.

In February, a three-judge panel of the same court ruled that regulations under which the Army had refused Perry Watkins' application for re-enlistment are unconstitutional because they deny equal protection to homosexuals.

The case was the first in which a U.S. appellate court had determined that gay men and lesbians as a class are entitled to the same judicial protection as racial minorities.

The Army appealed the ruling, requesting a rehearing before a larger number of judges. The appeal was granted in July, paving the way for the current proceedings.

James Lobsenz, the Seattle ACLU attorney who has represented Watkins throughout the seven-year legal battle, attacked the Army's rationale for its ban on homosexuals.

"Does the Army have a goal?" Lobsenz asked. "The Army's goal is to cater to private bigotry and prejudices, and that is not constitutionally permissible."

Numerous military studies, Lobsenz said, could not correlate homosexual soldiers with any loss of military performance.

"They stopped doing studies," he said. "Why? Not so the Russians wouldn't find out...but so the American public wouldn't find out."

E. Roy Hawkens, a Washington D.C. attorney representing the Army, based much of his argument on the traditional assertion that the military knows what is best for the military.

"Congress has given the military broad authority to determine what is appropriate conduct," Hawkens told the court. And the Army determined that homosexuality is "incompatible with the military mission."

Hawkens offered an example to the possible determintal effect of retaining homosexual soldiers.

"Having a homosexual present in confined circumstances could cause discomfort among heterosexuals, who may think they are being viewed as objects of sexual desire," Hawkens said.

That particular argument did not seem to impress Chief Judge Alfred Goodwin.

"How far do we go to cater to an individual's prejudice?" he asked.

The 11 judges generally appear to come down harder on Hawkens than on Lobsenz, questioning the Army's reasoning as well as its regulations.

"Is the Army's action not irrational based on Watkins' superior record?" asked Judge Stephen Trott. "Is there a shred of evidence that he failed to perform as a soldier?"

"Aside from his criminal (homosexual) conduct, no," said Hawkens.

Judge William Norris, who wrote the February opinion in favor of Watkins, questioned the Army policy of rejecting homosexuals, but not heterosexuals, who engage in the same acts.

"A person who engages in an act of (homosexual) sodomy doesn't go against the Army's ban if he can prove his orientation is heterosexual, is that right?" Norris asked.

"Yes," replied Hawkens.

Spectators filled the galleries and overflowed into the hallways of the Federal Courthouse during the hearing. Most were gay rights and civil rights activists supporting Watkins.

The case may continue beyond the Ninth Circuit. At a press conference after the hearing, Watkins pledged that he would take his fight to the Supreme Court if necessary. The Army is also likely to appeal an adverse ruling.

The notoriety Watkins has received during the case has allowed him to earn some money from speaking engagements, he said, but he remains unemployed and looking for work in Seattle.

Had he been allowed to re-enlist in 1981, Perry Watkins would be eligible for retirement.□

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How to file in Small Claims Court

by Nan L. Goodart, Esq.
OF MGW STAFF

Dear Nan:

My former partner still owes me about $1200. He keeps promising to pay me, but when the times comes, he claims he dosen't have the money. I know it would probably cost me more than $1200 to hire an attorney to collect the $1200 he owes me. Is there anything I can do?

Michael

Dear Michael:

Your best bet is Small Claims Court. Any claim under $1500 is considered a "small" claim and qualifies to be taken to the Small Claims Court, where disputes are resolved much sooner and much less expensively than in regular Municipal or Superior Court.

Even if your claim was for more than $1500, you could still go to Small Claims Court if you were willing to settle for $1500.

Filing a Small Claims Court case is a simple process: you fill out both sides of a one page form provided by the Court, pay a $6 filing fee at the desk, and have someone else "serve" it on the other party. "Serve" means delivering to the person you are suing a copy of your claim and an order to appear in court. At the time you pay your filing fee you are given the date and time when your case will be heard by the judge.

You cannot have an attorney represent you in Small Claims Court. Although you can get legal advice beforehand, both sides must appear in person and present their own cases to the judge at the hearing. You may take witnesses.

Small Claims Court is not just for debts, by the way. You can also take your complaints about quality of goods, shoddy performace of car, home or appliance repairs, and other such consumer issues, or a claim arising out of an automobile accident.

For more information call the Small Claims Advisors Clinic at 442-9656 and/or go by the Court at 8th and I Streets, 4th floor, to see our local "people's court" in action.

"Your Legal Affairs" will appear monthly in MGW. You are invited to submit questions to Nan Goodart, Attorney at Law, C/O MGW, 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Only questions with broad community appeal will be considered for publication. No personal responses are possible.□

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MGW MONEY

Durable Power Of Attorney

by Catherine A. Whitney, EA and Linda E. Killick, PFP
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In the past few months we have written a series of articles on ways gay and lesbian couples can legally protect themselves and their shared assets in a society that does not recognize their relationship. This article will be the last, perhaps the most important. It concerns the Durable Power of Attorney.

We all have had friends or have read articles about couples who have gone through a painful time when one of the partners has had a serious illness or accident. At times, family members have cut them off from their lovers or hospital personnel would not allow non-family members to visit. If a couple fills out a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, this problem can be avoided.

This document serves many purposes in health care. Its main function is to name someone to speak for you and carry out your wishes if you are unable to communicate them yourself. It will also keep your partner involved in all aspects of your treatment and will give him/her the right to be present and be recognized as spokesperson on your behalf. Each partner should name the other person who is to make decisions in health care. At the same time, spell out exactly what you would want to happen in all circumstances. For example, if you were in a serious accident and in a coma, would you want heroic measures such as life support systems used?

Durable Power of Attorney forms are available from some doctors and health care centers. Kaiser has them available in Patient Assistance. They are also available in stationary stores. And your Attorney or Financial Planner can provide you with one.

Have several copies available. Keep one copy with your medical records and give a copy to the person you have designated to make decisions. Keep the original document yourself. The form is good for seven years and must be notarized or witnessed after it is filled out.

A similar document is the Durable Power of Attorney for Financial Affiars. This allows you to appoint your partner to act for you in all financial matters. It will protect your partner and your shared assets if you are unable to make decisions for yourself. It too can be found in a stationary store or your attorney can provide you with it. This also must be notarized or witnessed.

By taking time to obtain these important documents, you can give yourself and your loved one peace of mind in a very troubling situation.□

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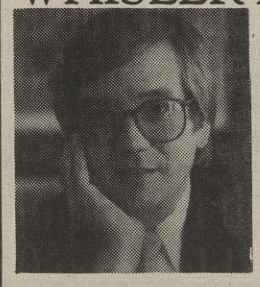
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Bits And Pieces

by Joyce Bright
OF MGW STAFF

As a lesbian, I always feel a bit despairing when I'm about to say something about AIDS; because I am a lesbian I don't feel at risk and therefore I can't experience personally either the fear or the courage of the men who do confront these issues. I also despair because I know this is a subject about which many of us claimed to be bored — either out of denial or great fatigue. Yet I am a lesbian who has been involved with my community for 20 years. I am employed full-time in AIDS education work. I am also a counseling intern at the AIDS Foundation. AIDS is very much a part of my life.

I am learning in the work I do that a sense of death, of my own mortality, helps to shape the values and priorities I assign to life. Along with that, a sense of gay/lesbian history — how others of us have lived — gives me both a feeling of continuity and comfort. The books under review, in one way or another, touch on these issues. History has not been kind to us; but as we rediscover our history,the lives of others who have gone before speak to us of courage and offer the certain knowledge that we will survive.

Conversations With My Elders, by Boze Hadleigh, St. Martin's Press, Stonewall Inn Editions, 1986, $7.95, 209 pp., in paperback.

This book is a collection of interviews Hadleigh conducted over a long period of time, and I'm certain that a good deal of what is written has not appeared in print before. The interviews are with Sal Mineo, Luchino Visconti, Cecil Beaton, Rainer Fassbinder, George Cukor and Rock Hudson. Because Hadleigh is a gay man, and because he is sensitive and respectful to the men he interviewed, his interviews are informed with candor and warmth. As Hadleigh says concerning the concealment of sexual inclinations: "To suggest that anyone should throw away the world is asking a lot; to demand that they give up Hollywood is expecting the impossible." Yet these men are frank, and I suspect all, except Fassbinder, would be pleased with what Hadleigh has written.

Christoper Isherwood: A personal Memorial, by John Lehmann, Henry Holt and Company, 1987, $16.95, 150 pp., in hardback.

Lehmann was a close friend of Isherwood's and also a writer and editor. A good deal of the recollections in this book are taken from letters the two men exchanged. There is a nice selection of photographs in the book. For Isherwood fans, none of the material is new. What gives a book like this value, therefore, is that it is written by someone who knew the subject. At that level, Lehmann is not disapointing if one takes into consideration that we are talking about an older generation of English gay men. An English formality and reserve informs the book; yet that too is a part of who Isherwood was.

The Long Shot, by Paul Monette, Meadoland Books, 1988, $7.95, 324 pages in paperback.

I read this novel when it first came out in 1981. I reread it because parts of it were so well written that scenes stayed with me even though I couldn't remember the who or why of the mystery. I also reread it because Monette's recent book, *Borrowed Time*, about the death of his lover, made me want to take a look at this man during a different time. Monette is a Hollywood script writer. Clearly this Hollywood gay murder mystery would make a wonderful movie.

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Ned Rorem

by Michael Himovitz
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Settling the Score – Essays on Music by Ned Rorem. Harcourt Brace Janovich.

Internationally-acclaimed composer Ned Rorem has collected his thoughts on music in **Settling the Score.** His first book devoted entirely to music, **Settling the Score,** includes selected essays and articles by Rorem from 1959 to works as recent as 1987.

Settling the Score is the product of an artist whose excellence is recognized in two distinct worlds — that of literature and that of music. Ned Rorem is at once a Pulitzer Prize-winning American Composer and the distinguished author of 10 books. Whether he is writing about famous people he has known or the creation of music, Rorem never hesitates to say what he thinks. The selections in this collection are all Rorem: elegant, witty, thoughtful and incisive. **Settling the Score** includes tributes to composers, reviews of their works, discussions of popular music, and thoughts on the future of music.

Something very special revealed itself in the introduction of this newest volume. I became ecstatically aware that I was about to read (for once) an honest accounting, with (pre)expressed reason pointed out clearly as to why and when, about a subject of little conscious interest to me. (It is easy to feign disinterest rather than admit ignorance or fear).

As 'le Monde' bludgeons our ecology to near death, 'art for art' sustains. In his discussions of figures in music both past and present, Rorem's explanation of creation is as exciting as the creation itself. Essays on Leonard Bernstein, the Beatles, Barbara Streisand, Stravinsky, Gershwin, and Strauss deal not only with the artists' talent but the origin of their art.

What greater criticism (an 'art' in its own right) than that of an artist of like discipline? With the timeliness of this recent publication into a world inundated with a thirst for more knowledge as remedy for guilt, Ned Rorem imposes upon us a clarity in the necessity to 'expect' change. Rorem offers an opportunity to learn to change and remains seemingly secure in the bastion of his own art.

Ned Rorem has not disappointed my faithful expectation — he again says what is on his mind.

I highly recommend devouring his writing and presuming yourself fortunate for having done so.□

Chasin' Jason

by Treva Marshall
OF MGW STAFF

Chasin' Jason by Jane Chambers, JH Press, 224 pp., paperback.

This is an odd story narrated by a woman whose adopted son, Jason, believes himself to be the son of God and gradually inspires a huge following known as Jasonites. The Jasonites are totally disinterested in the practical aspects of life and in earning money, and eventually bring about the economic collapse of a large section of New York City. The tone of the novel is humorous.

Although Chambers can be adept at character development, Jason himself remains strangely undeveloped and unsympathetic — little more than a caricature. It is for this reason that the story ultimately fails.

What Chambers' intent was in writing this story is unclear. Since Jason considers himself to be the son of God, there is a fair amount of discussion about the nature of God and the reader at first suspects that the story is to be merely a vehicle for Chambers (who died at the age of 43 from a brain tumor) to voice her thoughts on this subject. However, all the talk about God comes from the mouth of Jason and it is for the most part incoherent. Perhaps Chambers is saying that ultimately it is not possible to say anything coherent about the nature of God. A recommended read only for those who are into obscurity.□

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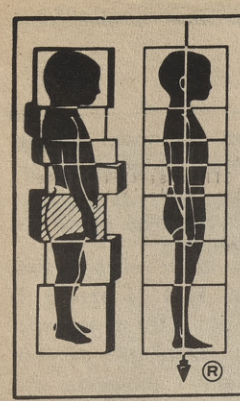

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Lesbian Physicians Conference

by Audrey Mertz, M.D.
OF MGW STAFF

On Labor Day 160 lesbian physicians, medical students and significant others from all over the country gathered at Mohonk Mountain House in Upstate New York for the annual conference sponsored by the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR). Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, AAPHR President, welcomed the group to the annual reunion and renewal of joy in being lesbians and physicians.

The conference theme of feminism and politics in our lives began with Dr. Mary Howell speaking about political action needed to restore our degraded environment and promote health. Virginia Appuzo, now a New York State official, gave her usual stunning and stimulating analysis of political issues.

Four of our members described their experiences in coming out as lesbians in various organizations of physicians.

Five babies added color and interest (and a little noise). The panel on our families included a mother of gay children, a college-age daughter and her lesbian mother, and attorney Gretchen Miller reviewing legal precedents for non-tradtional families.

April Martin, Ph.D., described her way of co-mothering two children with her partner, Susan. The children and their friends accept the situation well, but neighbors and strangers can be counted on to ask "Who is the real mother?" April is a psychologist and has developed a fine analysis of sex taboos in American culture as experienced by little girls and as felt by adult lesbians. .

Sheila Davis, Ph.D., led two popular workshops on money and power in lesbian relationships. Her plenary session on assessing and reducing stress, received a spirited response from the highly-stressed medics in attendance.

A panel on the impact of AIDS was organized and led by Sari Staver, who reports on AIDS in the newsletter of the American Medical Association. Dr. Lesley Anderson, San Francisco orthopedic surgeon who has many HIV-positive patients, shared her fear of becoming infected in the operating room and possible ways of continuing to work if accidentally infected.

Dr. Joan Wurmbrand, family practitioner in Columbus, Ohio is one of the few Columbus doctors who is willing to take HIV-infected patients referred by the health department. Her office staff, used to working primarly with female patients, have adjusted well to caring for seriously ill gay men.

Dr. Harrison described the Hand-to-Hand Project she pioneered in Sacramento, enthusiastically promoting this method of organizing volunteers to give emotional and physical support to people living with AIDS.

Priscilla Alexander, Educational Director of the California Prostitutes Education Project in San Francisco, addressed the scapegoating of prostitutes for heterosexual AIDS. . Two main responses of state legislators to the issue of prostitutes and AIDS is mandatory testing backed up by quarantine, or nothing at all. Little is going into teaching and motivating prostitutes to use safer sex practices or find other kinds of work.

The next lesbian physician conference will be at Asilomar on June 1-4, 1989.□

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November

1 Tuesday

AIDS Prayer Service For all people of all faiths whose lives have been touched by AIDS. 7 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave.

Women's Soccer University of Portland at UCD. Noon, soccer field, UCD

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bisexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

Women's Volleybal Sonoma State at UCD, 7 p.m. Hickey Gym, UCD.

2 Wednesday

Election 1988 What Will Women Win. A discussion with Kate Sproul. Noon. Moot Courtroom, King Hall, UCD

Sac. Women's Network Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Sacramento Inn. Christine Kramer, 484-6412

3 Thursday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly potluck, planning meeting. 7 p.m. Stan, 444-2954 or Joe 383-1283.

Gay and Lesbian T.V. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. cable channel 63. Local and national news, events, and features

4 Friday

Sacramento Symphony Pianist Alexander Slobodyanik, with Brahm's Academic Festival Overture, Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3. 8pm Sacramento Community Center 973-0300

Firebird with the Capitol City Ballet. Plus the new work "Rancho Rio Ha-Cha." 8 p.m. $9.50 SCC Auditorium. Tickets, 451-7437

Women's Volleybal Humboldt State at UCD, 7 p.m. Hickey Gym, UCD.

5 Saturday

Camping Women Lovers Leap Day Hike (Near Camp Sacramento. Celenia, 677-8469

Outdoor Adventures Trip to Pt. Reyes. Stan 444-2954

Artist's Reception Roberta Loach and Roy Scott. 6 - 8 p.m. Himovitz/Jensen Gallery, 1729 L St. 448-5121

Sacramento Symphony See Friday.

Firebird See Friday. Plus Matinee at 2 p.m. seniors and students $6.50.

6 Sunday

Sacramento Symphony Matinee, 3 p.m. See friday for program.

7 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Living TogetherLiving Alone. 7 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

8 Tuesday

ELECTION DAY. VOTE!!!!!!

Heart to Heart Drop in rap group for gay and bisexual men facilitated by a professional therapist. Donation requested, not mandatory. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

9 Wednesday

SACWN Volunteer Awards Dinner

Competiton: A Feminist Taboo Discussion with Helen Longino and Valeie Miner. 7:30 p.m. Memorial Union II, UCD.

(L-R) Todd Menard as the Leatherman and Mykel J Mengert as the Guppy in "View From the Bay" playing at Theatre Rhinoceros. See Theatre

Photo by Pamela Gentile

10 Thursday

Human Rights Celebration Human Righs/Fair Housing Commission celebrates 25 years. No host cocktails, 6 p.m. $25. Sacramento Hilton Inn, 2200 Harvard Ave. RSVP 444-6903

Crystal Awareness Free, a visual demonstration of the power of crystals. Sponsored by S.A.F. 7 -9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

Werner Von Trapp Concert Surving member of the "Sound of Music Family." $5 4 p.m. $7 7:30p.m. performance. American Victorian Museum, 325 Spring St. Nevada City. 265-5804

Quaker Lesbian Conference Thru Sunday. $30 -$85. Ben Lomond, near Santa Cruz. Aeden Dalena, 408-688-2333.

Gay and Lesbian T.V. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. cable channel 63. Local and national news, events, and features

11 Friday

Triumphs '88 MGW Newspapers 10th Anniversary honoring men and women of our community. Assemblyman Phil Isenberg will present the awards. Guest of honor is Dr. Sandy Pomerantz and MC'd by Frank Lawler and Vicki Bailey. $25 6:30 cocktails and entertainment, 7:30 Dinner, 8:30 awards presentation. Featuring The Sacramento Men's Chorus . The Restaurant Club, 808 O St. Frank, 485-7960 or Linda, 441-6397. RSVP only

PillarsShopping Tips with a visit from a few of Santa's elves. No-host cocktails, 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. $13 Sierra Inn. Reservations, 455-1771

Firebird See Friday, 11/4

12 Saturday

The Holiday Project Grande Bash Harvey Korman MC's a black tie fundraiser for the Holiday Project. 8 - 12 p.m. $75 Lincoln Plaza Atrium, 400 P St.

Latin Dance Night at the Blue Moon. After hours 2 - 4. Menudo. Katy 451-4925

Firebird See Friday, 11/4. Plus Matinee at 2 p.m. seniors and students $6.50.

Outdoor Adventures Camping at the Russian River. Fred, 1-758-1214.

13 Sunday

Dignity Liturgy, followed by coffee and cookies in social hall. Guest speaker Jason Lido discusses the Stop AIDS Project. 2 p.m. St. Francis Church, 26th &K sts. 441-0427

Presbyterian Support/Group Pot-Luck Dessert and a discussion of the San Francisco conference. Patio Room, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 n. St. Merrill or Murial Follansbee, 444-9510, 443-5710

14 Monday

The Buddy Connection Discover exciting ways to be safe, sexual and satisfied. 7 - 10 p.m. Free. SAF 1900 K St. 448-2437

Women's Rap Group and Social. Potluck, bring a dish to share. 7 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

Alternative Treatments Exchange Share information on resources, protocols, and personal experiences with HIV Treatments. Call Joe Chase at 448-2437 for time and place.

15 Tuesday

Chamber Music Society Nielsen, Beethoven and Barber. 8 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 2100 J St. $10.

PFLAG "What is Being Done To Help Persons With AIDS?". 7:30 p.m. Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. Merril and Muriel Follansbee, 444-9510.

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17 Thursday

Gay and Lesbian T.V. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. cable channel 63. Local and national news, events, and features

18 Friday

Kate Clinton Concert Lesbian comedian extrodinaire. 7 and 9:30 p.m. The Palms, 726 Rd. 103 Davis. 1-756-9901 , 442-4657.

Sacramento Symphony Pianist Andrea Lucchesini with Rossini's Overture to "Semiramide," Hindemith's Mathis der Maler and Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor. 8pm Sacramento Community Center 973-0300

19 Saturday

BACW Singles Dance 9 - 2 a.m. No-host bar. $7 members, $17 non. San Franciscan Hotel. Market St. at Civic Center, S.F. 415-495-5393

Sacramento Symphony See Friday

20 Sunday

Sacramento Symphony Matinee, 3 p.m. See Friday for program.

The Big Game Celebrate with U.C. GALA and Stanford Gay Alumni. $22. Contact Ed Rebarchik, 29 Jersey, S.F. CA 94114-3915

Men's Chorus Benefit Meet the men of the chorus. 3 - 5 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres. $10 Hartley House.

21 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Surviving the Holidays." 7 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

Ballroom and Western Dance Minicourse. John Batchelor. 453-8991

22 Tuesday

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24 Thursday

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Outlook Display of self-defense techniques and a discussion of women's AIDS issues. 7 p.m. CCTV 63

25 Friday

PillarsDown Home Family Dinner. No-host cocktails, 6 p.m., dinner 7:30. $13 Sierra Inn. Reservations, 455-1771

Vigil of Prayer for AIDS/ARC. A 50 hour vigil with workshops and vigils. River City MCC, 2741 34th St. Rev. Larry Dunlap, 454-4762

Christmas Fair Arts and crafts show and sale. Thru Sunday. The American Victorian Museum, 325 Spring St. Nevada City. 265-5804

28 Monday

Women's Rap Group and Social. "Secret Question Rap." 7 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 442-0185

Dignity Mailing party for Dignity newsletter. 7 p.m. Ron, 927-6969

29 Tuesday

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30 Wednesday

Breathing For Health Free, Discover how to make room for joy, health and love and connecting with the Healer inside. Sponsored by S.A.F. 7 - 9 p.m. Lambda Center, 1931 L St. 448-2437.

December

1 Thursday

Outdoor Adventures Monthly Potluck and planning meeting. 7 p.m. Location, Stan 444-2954, Joe, 383-1283.

3 Saturday

A Madrigal Christmas Medieval feast with food of the period and the Silver Swan Singers. $20. Reservations. 6:30 p.m. The American Victorian Museum, 325 Spring St., Nevada City. 265-5804

6 Tuesday

AIDS Prayer Service For all people of all faiths whose lives have been touched by AIDS. 7 p.m. Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave.

9 Friday

MGW Christmas/Holiday Party For staff, advertisers and community. 5 - 8 p.m. 1725 L St.

The Nutcracker Tchaikovsky's holiday family classic. 8 p.m. Thru 9/18. The Sacramento Ballet, Community Center Theatre, 752-2523.

10 Saturday

The Nutcracker See 12/9. Plus 2 p.m. Matinee

11 Sunday

Faces Christmas Party Buffet. 7 p.m. Formal, RSVP. 448-7798

Romanovsky and Phillips $10 8 p.m. Great American Music Hall, S.F. 415-885-0750 or BASS.

17 Saturday

Snow White Champagne Ball For Women. For invitation call 441-6397 with name and address.

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Snow White Champagne Ball for Women, 441-6397

February 18-25, 1989
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April, 1989
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June, 1989
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Crocker Art Museum Of People and Places: The Floyd and Josephine Segel Collection of Photography thru Nov 13. Recent Acquisitions: Photography thru Nov 27. Irving Marcus Drawings 1983-1988 Thru Dec 11. 216 O St. 449-5423

Himovitz/Jensen Gallery Roberta Loach - drawings. Thru 12/22. Roy Scott - acrylic on paper. Thru 11/19. Lynn Eder - hand marbled paper. 11/21 - 12/22. 1729 L St. 448-5121

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The Shenandoah Gallery Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steiner Road, Plymouth. 209-245-4455

Theatre

Brighton Beach Memoirs by Neil Simon thru Nov 5 Sacramento City Actors Theater 449-7228

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On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson. Thru 11/27 Chautauqua Playhouse 489-7529

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Carnival The heart warming fable of life in a traveling French circus. 8 p.m. 11/3 - 11/6 $7 University Theatre, CSUS. 278-6604.

The Lion In Winter By James Goldman. 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11/4 - 12/17. The Show Below, 2130 L St. 446-2787

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MGW HAPPENINGS

Lambda Awards Dinner

The River City Democratic Club will celebrate its 5th Annual Lambda Awards dinner at 6pm on November 14 at the Sacramento Community Center.

The club will present awards to six individuals who have made significant contributions to the lesbian and gay community. The recipients of the 1988 Lambda Award are Dr. Neil Flynn, Rev. Freda Smith, Kate Moore, Terry Sidee, Frank Lawler and Chris Young.

Past recipients of the Lambda Award include Mayor Art Agnos, Mayor Anne Rudin, Senate and Assembly members, City Council members, Stan Hadden, Shireen Miles, and Cleve Jones.

The keynote speaker for the evening is Midge Costanza, who served as Assistant and Public Liaison to former President Jimmy Carter.

The cost of the dinner is $25, with a choice of 3 entrees. RSVP at 447-0661 before November 11.□

Human Rights Commission to honor contributors

The Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission of the City and County of Sacramento will celebrate 25 years of service to the Sacramento community at is Fifth Annual Awards Presentation Dinner set for 7pm on Thursday, November 10 at the Sacramento Hilton Inn.

Dr. Harry Edwards, Professor at U.C. Berkeley and a civil rights activist and sports consultant, will be the keynote speaker. Human Rights Awards will be presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made significant contributions in the areas of equal employment, fair housing and community involvement.

Tickets are $20 per person and $200 for a table of 10 persons. Reservations may be made by calling 444-6903 by November 2.

The Sacramento Hilton is located at 2200 Harvard Avenue.□

The Holiday Project Grande Bash

The Grande Bash, a black tie fundraiser for the Holiday Project, will be held Saturday, November 12, from 8-12pm at the Lincoln Center Atrium, 400 P Street. Harvey Korman, known for the Carol Burnett Show, and movies "Blazing Saddles" and "High Anxiety" will be part of the fun.

The Holiday Project organizes about 1,000 Sacramento volunteers to visit nearly 3,000 people confined to area hospitals and nursing homes on Christmas and Hanukkah. Visitors sing songs and bear gifts for these "forgotten" people during the holidays.

Tickets are $75.00 per person. For information, contact Rita Saenz at 424-1335.□

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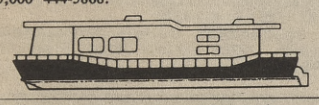

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Gay Cable TV show needs a Business Manager to help Ron Hatch organize show. Must be energetic, know community, business oriented. Call Ron 481-7317

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MGW OBITUARY

Wayland Flowers

Los Angeles — Ventriloquist Wayland Flowers made famous by his creation of Madame, the off-color, wise-cracking puppet, died of cancer Tuesday October 11, five weeks after collapsing on stage, his publicist, JoAnne Geffen said.

On September 2, Flowers collapsed on stage during a performance at Harrah's resort in Lake Tahoe. Flowers had suffered from cancer for some time.

Wayland & Madame's first break came on "The Andy Williams Show" as well as appearances on the new "Laugh-In", "Hollywood Squares" and a four-year stint on "Solid Gold". In 1982 the syndicated situation comedy "Madame's Place" was shown.

"This was an underground act that took root and shot up out of nowhere," Flowers once said in an interview, adding: "I'm an illusionist. I'm right out there on stage beside Madame, but within two or three minutes, it seems that I disappear."

No funeral was planned, but private memorial services in Los Angeles and his hometown of Dawson, GA., are being discussed.□

Louis F. Schenk

Funeral services for local musician Louis Frederick Schenk were held October 1. Mr. Schenk died of cancer on September 25 in Carmichael.

He taught music and piano at American River College for more than 29 years and retired in June.

Schenk was a pianist with the Sacramento Symphony for several years and was a pianist for the Camellia Symphony.

He performed solo at the Crocker Art Gallery and accompanied many local artists in concert.

Schenk is survived by his mother, Olive Schenk of Sacramento; his sister, Gloria Timmermans of Sacramento; and friend Justin Jeovannetti of Cameron Park.

Memorial donations to be made to the Louis F. Schenk Memorial Fund, C/O American River College, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento 95841□

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If you have tested HIV positive but have not yet developed AIDS or ARC... there is something you can do.

Why is it important to seek treatment now?

Current evidence suggests that when left untreated, 70% of those infected with the HIV virus will eventually develop AIDS or ARC. The HIV virus attacks the immune system T-4 Helper Cells and as the number of T-4 cells decreases, the way is opened for the infections symptomatic of AIDS and ARC. Normal immune systems have between 500-1400 T-4 cells, but in most AIDS patients this level has dropped below 100.

Many physicians who have worked with the HIV virus think that early treatment to prevent deterioration of the immune system (T-4 cells) is the best course of action to slow or stop the progression to AIDS.

What is Positive Action treatment?

Positive Action Health Care is an outpatient program of preventive medicine attempting to maintain the health of your immune system (T-4 cells) at a level sufficient to ward off the onset of infections associated with AIDS.

This treatment is not a cure for AIDS and is not intended for those whose immune systems have deteriorated to the point of AIDS or ARC infections. Those requiring such treatment are referred to physicians providing this type of care.

What does the Positive Action treatment consist of?

The specific treatment is developed between you and the Positive Action Health Care physician based on the results of your initial physical examination. While each program is individualized, they all involve a combination of anti-viral medications to combat the HIV virus directly and immune boosters intended to strengthen your system.

Positive Action personnel closely monitor potential new therapies. As the therapies show evidence of effectiveness, they will be added to the treatment, depending on patient needs.

How effective is this treatment?

Based upon the experience with Positive Action Health Care patients (dating to 1984), results have been encouraging. Monitoring of T-4 helper cells indicates that this treatment offers promise in slowing or stopping the deterioration of the immune system. The summary of results of treatment with the Positive Action protocol are available to patients on a monthly basis. However, there is no guarantee of the treatment and it is too early to project long term results.

What risks are entailed in the treatment?

Every medical treatment has its risks. Some of the risks of the medications used in the treatment protocols are known; others are not yet so clearly defined. The physician treating you will carefully explain the known risks, before you decide to enter treatment, and will tell you of other potential dangers of the treatment that concern careful medical practitioners in the field of immunology.

The Positive Action Health Care Staff:

The Positive Action Health Care medical group is headed by Alan S. Levin, M.D., assisted by Vera S. Byers, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Levin and his wife, Dr. Byers, are both specialists in the research and treatment of problems of the immune system. They have published numerous medical and scientific documents in the field and both serve as Adjunct Associate Professors of Immunology at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

Since 1981, they have maintained a private practice in San Francisco in the field of allergy and immunology. In 1987, they established Positive Action Health Care, a medical clinic devoted to the treatment of immune disorders related to the HIV virus.

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